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## Iran refuses to have direct talks

# Tehran reaches accord on truce

**UNITED NATIONS, Aug 1.** (Agencies): Iran said today it has reached agreement with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on conditions for a ceasefire in the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war with Iraq.

"Everything is ready to announce the D-Day," Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Jafar Mahallati said after consulting with Li Luyue, the Chinese UN ambassador, who is this month's president of the 15-nation Security Council.

"We are ready to implement immediately Resolution 598," he said.

**Durable**

There was no immediate comment from Iraq, which has had no substantive talks with the secretary-general because of its precondition that negotiations be held directly with Iran, a demand Iran has rejected.

Mahallati today repeated his government's position that no direct talks would take place with Iraq before the announcement of the ceasefire, but he gave no details of his agreement with Perez de Cuellar.

"Definitely we want a just, durable and comprehensive ceasefire... and Resolution 598 should commence with the ceasefire," Mahallati told reporters.

He said Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati had agreed to remain in New York at the request of Perez de Cuellar, but "definitely the foreign minister cannot submit to delaying tactics by the Iraqi side."

Velayati was scheduled to meet Perez de Cuellar for a sixth round of discussions. The UN chief has met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz only three times in the past week.

A member of the Iraqi negotiating team said after Saturday's talks that his delegation had still not begun substantive discussions with Perez de Cuellar since arriving in New York on Tuesday.

"At this very moment, we are engaged in solving this particular issue (of direct talks) and substantive talks have yet to start," said Riyadh Al Qaysi, a former UN ambassador and a member of the delegation led by Aziz.

**Legitimate**

"The way the Iraqis have been conducting themselves proves... that what Iraq proposed is not only legitimate and correct, but also is very vital for securing a real, comprehensive and durable peace that is desired by the international community, the Security Council and the countries in the region," he said.

In Baghdad, the government newspaper Al Jumhuriya said Tehran's refusal to enter direct negotiations was a rejection of the UN peace resolution.

"Iran's rejection of direct talks is a game aimed at transforming the implementation of Resolution 598 to a mere ceasefire or temporary truce to serve its aggressive goals," the newspaper said.

Meanwhile, two UN teams dispatched by Perez de Cuellar were completing their investigations on how to implement a ceasefire and prisoner exchange.

Saudi Arabia today denied it was putting pressure on Iraq to accept an immediate ceasefire in its war with Iran.

A Saudi official, quoted by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), said several news organisations had wrongly reported in the past three days that Saudi Arabia was pressuring Iraq over ceasefire talks at the United Nations.

He said Riyadh "reiterates its trust in all views and measures taken by Iraq to benefit its interests and its plan which aims for a true and lasting peace between it and Iran."

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HH the Amir in talks with Ramadan.

## UN experts confirm Gulf gas warfare

**UNITED NATIONS, Aug 1.** (Reuters): Chemical warfare in the Gulf has become more intense and frequent, UN specialists said in reports issued today after seeing Iranian and Iraqi victims of poison gas during visits to the area.

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have been captured from Iranian forces at Salamchah, east of Basra, were kept," the experts said.

But the analysis of liquid samples from one crate "could not confirm the presence of any chemical warfare agent."

In transmitting the reports to the council, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar expressed his deep regret at the UN mission's conclusions that chemical weapons continued to be used against Iranian forces and positions.

**Assessment**

"He fully shares the specialists' assessment that even more serious consequences than those already experienced may result if the trend of continued — indeed, as the specialists say, intensifying and more frequent — use of chemical weapons continues," he said.

"The danger of continuing escalation involving the use of those weapons of mass destruction, in violation of the Geneva protocol and in spite of repeated findings by independent United Nations investigations and numerous appeals, is a frightening possibility which must be fully faced by all concerned and by the international community as a whole."

## Amir receives Saddam's message

**THE Iraqi First Deputy Premier, Taha Yassin Ramadan, arrived in Kuwait yesterday and met HH the Amir.**

Ramadan, who is also a member of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council delivered a message to the Amir from President Saddam Hussein.

Ramadan also met HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Meanwhile, another top Iraqi official began a Gulf tour yesterday in what diplomats said appeared to be a counter-offensive to Iranian overtures in the region.

Saadoun Shakir Mahmoud, a member of the Revolutionary Command Council, stopped in Qatar on the first leg of a tour of several Gulf states, the Qatar News Agency (QNA) said.

He delivered a message to the Amir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani from Saddam, dealing with efforts to end the Gulf war and implement UN ceasefire Resolution 598, QNA said.

## Tehran communicates officially with US

**WASHINGTON, Aug 1.** (AP): The Iranian government replied officially to a US suggestion to work toward improved relations, but imposed unacceptable conditions, a White House spokesman said today.

Marlin Fitzwater said the message repeated demands the Iranians have made publicly, particularly the release of their frozen US assets. He did not say when the communication arrived and would not describe what channel had been used by the Iranians.

"I'd say that it didn't offer any new information," Fitzwater told the daily White House news briefing. "We have received a response to our earlier message, and the thrust of it was that they said the same thing in private that they had been saying in public."

**Insistence**

He said this included insistence that the United States release Iranian assets frozen in this country, to demonstrate America's interest in warming relations with the revolutionary government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Fitzwater said deal-making with Tehran is "something we have said we won't do."

Last week, the spokesman said repeatedly that the United States had received no response from Iran to a letter that the US government sent that congratulated Tehran on accepting a UN ceasefire resolution and expressing interest in improving relations.

He also said at the time that the United States would deal only with an "authoritative" representative of Iran's government.

Fitzwater refused today to identify the source of the communication, although he said it had been accepted by the administration as official and authentic.

"We considered it a serious response," Fitzwater said. "But I don't think we're willing to give it any significance."

US officials had privately confirmed two weeks ago that the main US feeler directed toward Tehran had been sent through the auspices of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

## Rat on a plane

**NEW DELHI, Aug 1.** (Reuters): Air India is investigating how a rat got aboard a plane it supplied for President Ramaswamy Venkataraman's trip to the Soviet Union, the Times of India newspaper reported today.

It said the rat was discovered when Venkataraman's plane arrived back in Delhi last month from Tashkent, last stop on his Soviet tour.

Top question for the investigators was whether the rat was Indian and took part in the whole 10-day presidential tour, or if it was Soviet, the paper said.

## Carlucci on ground-breaking visit to Soviet Union

**MOSCOW, Aug 1.** (UPI): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci today vowed the United States would press ahead with widening its technological advantage over the Soviet military and accused the Soviet Union of continuing to build weapons designed for a nuclear first strike.

**Version**

Speaking to cadets and officers at the Soviet General Staff Academy near Moscow only hours after his arrival, Carlucci pulled few punches in his assessment of Soviet military strategy and was brutally frank in saying the Pentagon rejected the Soviet pledge of no first use of nuclear weapons.

The visit is the first formal one ever by a US defence secretary and will include access to Soviet

military areas once considered off limits to foreigners.

Carlucci also accused the Soviet Union of developing its own type of Star Wars defence plan. The Kremlin has repeatedly denied that it is looking into its own version of the Strategic Defence Initiative.

He challenged the Kremlin to make public its military spending budget and to lift the veil of secrecy that has surrounded the Soviet military since the communist revolution of 1917.

He told the cadets the Soviet Union spends between 15 and 17 per cent of its gross national product on the military compared to US spending of just 5.7 per cent annually. The Kremlin has never revealed its full defence spending either in absolute terms or as a percentage of GNP. The figure is considered a closely

guarded secret.

Carlucci also gave the cadets and officers a brief lecture about American politics, democracy and freedom.

"I am prepared to acknowledge that in many areas the US enjoys a technological edge over the Soviet Union — and I will say as well that we have every intention of further enhancing our technological capabilities," he said in a display of high-tech sabre rattling.

He then ripped apart Soviet claims that the Kremlin's military doctrine is based on defence.

"First we have difficulty in reconciling a defensive doctrine with what we see in Soviet force structure — and operational strategy as an emphasis on the offensive — especially surprise and manoeuvre," he said.

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Kuwait: 15 per cent  
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## Hussein's cutting of West Bank ties

# PLO is sending mission to Jordan

**BAGHDAD, Aug 1.** (Reuters): The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will send a mission to Jordan within 48 hours to discuss King Hussein's cutting of ties with the West Bank, an Arab diplomat said today.

The diplomat said the mission would be headed by a member of the PLO executive committee.

He said the PLO's central council held urgent talks in Baghdad overnight and into today on the announcement by King Hussein on Sunday.

The diplomat and a PLO official said they did not expect any immediate reaction by the PLO to the king's move, which shifts the burden for administering the West Bank to the PLO.

"The PLO is inviting top Palestinian legal advisers to study the constitutional and legislative impacts of King Hussein's decision," the diplomat said.

said. The PLO leader was in Baghdad for the meetings.

A top Arafat aide, Bassam Abu Sharif, said in Abu Dhabi the Jordanian decision was not intended to harm ties with the PLO.

He said it made clear to the world that the PLO was a key party to the Middle East conflict.

King Hussein told the nation yesterday he was ending 38 years of legal and administrative ties with the West Bank in deference to PLO demands for an independent Palestinian state.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir welcomed the decision, saying it meant Jordan had given up hope of an Israeli pullout from the territory.

Some Palestinians in Jordan voiced concern at the practical effect of King Hussein's decision on the occupied lands and a Jordanian official hinted at an element of bluff.

"If the PLO comes privately and says, 'please don't stop paying the salaries of West Bank teachers and civil servants, or please do this or that', we will say 'fine, but you must ask us publicly in front of the Arabs,'" the official said.

## Qatar establishes ties with Soviets

**BAHRAIN, Aug 1.** (Reuters): The Gulf State of Qatar and the Soviet Union established diplomatic ties today, the official Qatari News Agency (QNA) said.

A joint Qatari-Soviet statement, carried by QNA and received in Bahrain, said the decision reflected the wish of both states to boost friendship and co-operation.

The statement said the two countries would exchange ambassadors soon.

The move came amid strained relations between Qatar and the United States caused by the Gulf state's acquisition of a dozen US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles on the black market.

Washington said on Friday it would not entertain any proposals by Qatar, for the purchase of US weapons unless it returned the missiles.

The existence of the missiles was first disclosed when Qatar displayed them in a military parade last March. It refused to

say where it acquired them.

The United States sells the sophisticated missiles only to Bahrain among Arab states, for fear they might fall into the wrong hands.

Qatar is the fourth Gulf state to establish ties with the Soviet Union. The others are Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Qatar also restored diplomatic ties with China on July 9.

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## IRA bomb flattens UK Army barracks

**LONDON, Aug 1.** (Reuters): One soldier was killed and nine were injured when an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb flattened a British Army barracks in north London today, the guerrilla group's first attack in mainland Britain since 1984.

The bomb crumpled the living quarters at the Ingils barracks at Mill Hill like a pack of cards. Two victims were in a serious condition.

Fires raged for three hours as rescuers pulled the injured from heaps of rubble and smouldering timber. Half of the barracks, the Army's main postal depot in the capital, lies in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Finchley constituency.

In 1984, the IRA staged its most spectacular attack on mainland Britain in the southern resort city of Brighton, a bombing which nearly wiped out Thatcher's government during a conference of her Conservative Party.

Thatcher, who learned of today's explosion in Perth on the first day of her visit to Australia, said: "I have sent a message to say that I am very distressed to

hear about it."

Commenting on a small pro-Irish Republican demonstration during a walkabout, Thatcher said: "Never support the IRA, they try to pursue their ends by maiming and murder."

She spoke before the IRA issued a statement in London and Dublin claiming responsibility for the morning attack.

Police refused to comment on the cause of the blast. A fire brigade divisional officer said it could have occurred outside the building.

Construction worker Frank McParland, who was working inside the barracks, said the middle section of the housing quarters was obliterated. The roof of the two-storey red brick building was blown off.

"It must have been a very big explosion," he said.

The last IRA attack on a British military target was in 1982 when 11 soldiers were killed and 50 people were injured in bombings against the Household Cavalry and the band of the Royal Green Jackets in two London parks on the same day.

## Israel deports eight

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 1.** (Agencies): Israel deported eight Palestinians to Lebanon today, accusing them of taking part in violent protests during a seven-month-old uprising against its rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The expulsion of six men from West Bank towns and two from the Gaza Strip took to about 30 the number of Palestinians deported since a mass rebellion against Israeli control of the occupied territories started last December.

**Strike**

"The deportation orders were carried out for being involved in organising and carrying out violent demonstrations in Judea, Samaria and Gaza," an Israeli Army spokesman said.

"All had served jail sentences in the past for terrorist activity and incitement," he added.

Judea and Samaria are the Biblical names used by Israel for the West Bank.

At least one deportee was a journalist — Lu'at Abdo from (Continued on Page 2)

## Floods kill 150 in China

**BEIJING, Aug 1.** (UPI): Ferocious floods ripped through drought-stricken eastern China, killing 150 people and washing away highways, houses and power lines, news reports said today.

Officials listed 260 people as still missing in Zhejiang province, one of the hardest-hit by a month-long heat wave that has killed more than 1,400 people, the evening television news said.

Torrential rains battered five counties during the weekend, causing floods that inundated tens of thousands of acres of farmland and destroyed 16,000 homes. More than 19 inches (468 mm) of rain fell on the eastern province from Friday evening to Saturday morning, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Rain during the past week has eased one of the worst droughts in a century in most of south China, which has been baked by a torrid heat wave that sent temperatures skyrocketing to 106°F (41°C).

## Iran hangs 7 rebels

**NICOSIA, Aug 1.** (Reuters): Iran hanged seven members of the opposition Mujahideen Khalq group today for assisting a military offensive into western Iran last week, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

An Iranian military commander said the attack by the Mujahideen's National Liberation Army (NLA) was part of plan involving "world arrogance" and Iraq to overthrow the Iranian government.

Ali Shamkhani, deputy commander for intelligence and operations at Iran's armed forces general command, was quoted by Tehran Radio as saying the Iraq-based NLA planned to march to Tehran and declare a "people's democratic government."

**Rejected**

Giving the first detailed Iranian account of the attack, he said the Iranians lured NLA troops deep into Iran, trapped them and killed more than 4,800 of them in 48 hours of fighting.

A Mujahideen spokesman, speaking to Reuters from London, rejected this casualty figure but said about 1,000 NLA fighters were killed.

IRNA, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said the seven dissidents were hanged in public in Bakhtar, a provincial capital 430 km (270 miles) southwest of Tehran.

NLA forces drove more than 100 km (60 miles) into Iran on July 25, captured the towns of Esfahabad and Karand.

The NLA said it pulled back its forces on Thursday after inflicting major damage on the Iranian military. Tehran said the rebels were largely destroyed.

Shamkhani told a news conference that Iran's military intelligence revealed that the Iraqi Army would mount attacks on the southern front to tie up Iranian forces during the NLA offensive on the central front.

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**Grand Bingo**

Mr Mathew Fernandes has won the KD 60 Second Full House prize. Game No. 65 continues for Third Full House.



## INTERNATIONAL

## India probing new bribery allegations

NEW DELHI, Aug 1. (Reuters): The Indian government said today it was probing bribery allegations involving Japan's Sumitomo Corporation and close associates of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Minister of State for Finance B.K. Gadhi said.

The Statesman newspaper on Friday reproduced on its front page, two purported Sumitomo letters showing it paid \$4.6 million to a company owned by Lalit Suri, a Delhi businessman reputed to have close connections to Rajiv.

The report caused a furore in the Parliament on Friday and Gadhi told the house today inquiries were being made under Sumitomo to clear the charges.

The allegation is the latest in a series of corruption scandals surrounding Rajiv and his Congress (I) Party.

Communist Party of India MP Geetha Mukherjee said the Sumitomo allegations were a "smaller cousin" to the Bofors scandal, in which the Swedish arms company is accused of paying bribes to secure a \$1.3 billion artillery deal with India.

The Statesman said the alleged Sumitomo payoffs were made in yen and US dollars and that reference numbers in the letters related them to two contracts with India's state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC).

Gadhi said investigators were looking into the Statesman's charge that the payments violated India's strict foreign exchange regulations.

Suri's firm showed a sum of 63.3 million rupees (\$4.5 million) in its income tax assessments and described the payments as consultancy fees, Gadhi said.

But he added: "Neither the Oil and Natural Gas Commission nor the Gas Authority of India dealt with an Indian agent at any point of time nor did they make any payment to any Indian agent of Sumitomo Corporation in respect of these two tenders."

## Women bishops

CANTERBURY, England, Aug 1. (Reuters): Anglican leaders overwhelmingly endorsed a compromise resolution today allowing the consecration of women as bishops.

## Dukakis seeking black votes

FLINT, Michigan, Aug 1. (AP): US presidential candidate Michael Dukakis begins an expanded effort this week to win over the black voters he largely ignored in the pre-convention primaries and who have yet to respond in any big way to an endorsement by Jesse Jackson.

The Democratic presidential nominee travels to Detroit tonight to address an Urban League convention and, according to an aide, his campaign this week will begin distributing literature touting his record as Governor of Massachusetts.

The Urban League represents the interests of underprivileged city dwellers.

## Population

Dukakis also plans to invest in black media advertising and will schedule campaign events in inner city neighbourhoods and other predominantly black areas, said Donna Brazile, the Dukakis campaign's deputy national field director.

Dukakis rarely ventured into

## Implementation of INF accord begins

## Soviets destroy missiles

SARYOZEK, Soviet Union, Aug 1. (Reuters): Soviet officers, using powerful explosives at this central Asia test-range today, destroyed the first nuclear missiles to be liquidated under the INF treaty with the United States.

Four shorter-range SS-12s, known in Soviet military terminology as OTR-22s, were blown up in an elaborate ceremony watched by an official US inspection team, other foreign observers and some journalists.

They were the first of 1,752 Soviet missiles with a range of from 500 to 5,500 km (300 to 3,400 miles) scheduled for destruction under the accord signed by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and US President Reagan last December.

## Dawn

Soviet officials have hailed the ceremony as "the real dawn of the disarmament era" — noting it marks the first time the superpowers have moved to destroy a substantial part of their arsenals of offensive weaponry.

Under the treaty, the United States is to liquidate some 800 missiles, most of which were

Cruise and Pershing rockets based in Western Europe as a counter of Soviet missiles deployed during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The ceremony, some 200 km (125 miles) north-west of the central Asian city of Alma-Ata, came within two hours of the arrival in Moscow of US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci for talks with Soviet Defence Minister General Dmitry Yazov.

## Destruction

The visit, the first of its type, is part of a newly-agreed programme of contacts and discussions between Soviet and American military figures aimed at increasing confidence and understanding, officials on both sides say.

The explosion near Saryozek, a tiny settlement in Soviet Kazakhstan, was set off at midday Moscow time (0800 GMT) and within seconds a mushroom cloud formed several hundred feet high in the blue sky overhead.

Soviet officers shook hands with each other. Some of the foreign observers, many from

peace organisations in countries where American missiles had been based, burst into applause.

The American team watched the blast, which left a crater 20 metres (yards) across, through binoculars from a concrete bunker some three km (two miles) away.

Colonel Stanislav Petrenko, who heads a Soviet Army Department set up to organise destruction of the missiles, told reporters there would be an explosion at the site every day for the next 18 months.

"We have plenty of work ahead. This is just the beginning," he said as reporters surveyed the debris from the blast spread over several hundred metres (yards).

## Proposal

Petrenko said the nuclear charges from the four missiles had been removed and would be used for peaceful explosions. Two of the missiles had been brought from East Germany after dismantling of launch-sites there.

The Soviet Union makes wide use of underground nuclear blasts in quarrying and road-

building.

The Soviet Union intends to pursue a proposal by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev for a pan-European summit to launch conventional arms reduction talks, official sources said today.

The sources said the message was delivered to West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher during talks with Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Moscow at the weekend.

"The idea has not been dropped, far from it," one Moscow official said. "We think this would be an ideal way to clear the ground for the conventional negotiations and give them a political impulse."

And a senior Soviet political commentator, writing in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda today, said the idea first advanced by Gorbachev in a speech in Warsaw on July 11 was gaining ground in other countries.

"The sooner this forum takes place, the greater the chances for real disarmament will be," the commentator, Yuri Zhukov, said.

## US writers urged to end strike

LOS ANGELES, Aug 1. (AP): Talks to end the 22-week US scriptwriters strike have "hit a brick wall," according to the producers' top negotiator who is urging strikers to cross picket lines and end the industry's second-largest walkout.

"We will get our production on schedule any way we can," Nicholas Counter III, president of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, said at a news conference. "What individual writers choose to do is up to them."

A union spokeswoman predicted that strikers would remain steadfast.

"To encourage writers to come back to work is an unfortunate retrenchment at a time when both sides should resume negotiation and settle this dispute," said spokeswoman Cheryl Rhoades.

The negotiations deadlocked on Saturday after an 11-hour session.

"We've simply gotten to the end of the road, and we've hit a brick wall," Counter said of the 217-member alliance. "We will redouble our efforts to produce as many programmes as possible."

## Anti-Nicaragua offensive

## Shultz faces split over US plan

GUATEMALA CITY, Aug 1. (Reuters): A row among US allies in Central America has dashed Washington's hopes of launching a diplomatic offensive against Nicaragua when Secretary of State George Shultz meets their foreign ministers today.

El Salvador and Honduras, Washington's closest allies in the region, were willing to sign a strongly-worded seven-page document critical of Nicaragua and the Soviet Union, sources in the foreign ministers delegation said.

It would have set up a mechanism for further consultation between the four countries and Washington. All these points were missing from the shorter document.

Honduras criticised Guatemala and Costa Rica yesterday, saying some of their views were incomprehensible.

Salvadoran Foreign Minister Ricardo Acevedo said earlier he wanted to call for new US aid for the region to help isolate Nicaragua as the least developed country.

In Washington, Senate Democrats who helped cut off US military aid to Nicaragua Con-



A worker cleans up the empty boxes of computer goods in a Hong Kong shop after raids against pirated software and manuals. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Crackdown on fake computer industry

HONG KONG, Aug 1. (Reuters): Hong Kong has declared war on the booming fake computer software industry, with tough new powers for investigators and a series of raids that netted goods worth 8.5 million Hong Kong dollars (about \$1.08 million).

"We are determined to eradicate computer piracy in Hong Kong," a senior government official said today.

Shops in Kowloon's Golden Shopping arcade, normally packed with pirated software and manuals, were deserted, their shelves bare after raids by Customs and Trade Department officers.

Yesterday, investigators made the fourth in a series of swoops which have yielded thousands of pirated diskettes and counterfeit manuals. Some 30 shops were dealing in counterfeit goods, alongside stores selling genuine goods.

The official said the raid was aimed at three main stores, as well as mobile traders selling from street stalls.

"When our officers appeared the mobile traders just ran, we found their stalls abandoned,"

he added.

Local shopkeepers said they expected the pirate trade to disappear completely as dealers switched to other products.

One claimed counterfeit goods made computers available to a broad range of people who otherwise could not afford them.

Wong Chun-Kwong, in charge of the government fight against pirated software, said planning started last November. Genuine software publishers were approached and laid formal complaints and it was decided landlords who knowingly let shop premises be used by pirates would be warned they risked prosecution for aiding and abetting.

The government granted customs officers sweeping powers allowing them to search suspected premises without a warrant.

"It's like draining the water so the fish have nowhere to swim," Wong said.

Officials and dealers alike say it is impossible to put a price tag on the pirate software business, which has blossomed over the past few years with the use of personal computers for office and home.

## Peace offer is PLO decision: Abu Sharif

ABU DHABI, Aug 1. (Reuters): A Palestinian leader who caused controversy with a peace offer to Israel said today his proposals were based on decisions taken by the Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian government-in-exile.

Bassam Abu Sharif, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's political adviser, said that no one in the leadership of the PLO opposed the offer.

He also repeated Palestinian reports that Israel had made an offer to the PLO to take over administrative rule and hold municipal elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir himself made the offer through Romania, but Arafat strongly rejected it and countered that such elections could be held under a United Nations mandate after Israel withdraws from the occupied areas," he said in an interview during a visit to Abu Dhabi.

## Based

Abu Sharif's offer to Israel in a magazine article called for an international peace conference to be attended by the PLO, Israel and other parties concerned.

"It is true that I wrote the article, but the proposals it contained emanated and were based on the PNC decisions," he said.

Israel rejected the offer saying it contained nothing new. The United States welcomed its constructive tone and positive points but demanded the PLO endorse it officially.

Abu Sharif said some PLO leaders criticised the timing and the way the offer was presented but "no one opposed its political contents."

It was the first Arab peace proposal to mention Israel, stating that negotiations would lead to international guarantees for the security of all states, including Israel.

He said Israel, by rejecting the offer, had shown that it did not want peace and cannot make peace.

The United States should open a dialogue with the PLO if it wants to play a constructive role in the Middle East peace process, he said.

Shamir has denied the PLO claim that he made an offer via Romania.

Abu Sharif said the PLO was ready to agree to a transitional period with the West Bank and Gaza Strip under a UN mandate that would lead to a Palestinian state.

"During this period, which should be as short as possible, we could have elections or a referendum to determine what the Palestinians want for themselves," he said.

In Washington, US officials say Secretary of State George Shultz will pursue his Middle East peace bid while some diplomatic analysts say King Hussein's decision to accept the separation of the Israeli-occupied West Bank from Jordan may doom the effort.

"I think Secretary Shultz should leave matters where they are," former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on television yesterday. "I would recommend that he not go back to the Middle East."

"This is another nail in the coffin of a peace plan that has long appeared to be brain dead anyway," Helena Cobban, a Brookings Institution "think tank" scholar said.

But the officials said Shultz would continue his peace bid despite King Hussein's support for an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

## Israel deports 8

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Nablus, who spent 12 years in Israeli prisons.

The Army's new expulsions, the first since April, took place on the first day of a two-day strike called by underground leaders of the uprising in protest against the policy.

In Gaza, troops fired teargas to disperse stone-throwing protesters, Palestinians said. No major incidents were reported in the West Bank, though shops shut and public transport stopped.

## Protect

Meanwhile the PLO has called on the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to protect the Palestinians in the occupied territories from Israeli soldiers.

"We call upon the UN secretary-general to move in accordance with the Security Council resolutions which entrust him with the responsibility of protecting Palestinians from the Israeli occupation forces," Bassam Abu Sharif, adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said at a press conference in Abu Dhabi late yesterday.

## Polish police break up anti-Soviet rally

WARSAW, Aug 1. (UPI): Police used truncheons to break up an anti-Soviet demonstration by some 200 people charging the Soviets stood idly by as the Nazis killed more than 200,000 Poles in the 1944 Warsaw uprising.

At least three people were arrested in the demonstration yesterday by the protesters who questioned why the Soviet Army never came to the rescue of Poles when the Nazis razed Warsaw in retaliation for the uprising.

Later, police allowed one activist, historian Wojciech Zieminski, to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. As about 300 people looked on, he demanded the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Poland.

"We want the return of the Polish territories robbed from us and the withdrawal of the troops by the neighbouring power," he said.

The Soviet Union attacked Poland 17 days after the Nazis invaded to ignite World War II. The Kremlin annexed part of Poland and deported more than three million Poles.

## Approach

It was the most direct approach yet to the issue by the official Polish media, which has in the past absolved the Soviet Army of standing by while the city was levelled.

In the interview, historian Eugeniusz Duraczynski said there is no conclusive answer to why a July 27, 1944, directive by Josef Stalin ordering Soviet units to ford the Vistula River and march toward the city was not carried out.

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## Spy charges against whites withdrawn

HARARE, Aug 1. (Reuters): Six whites suspected of spying for South Africa were taken in chains before a Zimbabwean magistrate today and told they would remain in prison without trial although the state lacked evidence to prosecute them.

The announcement was a surprise as lawyers had expected prosecutors to ask that the six — five men and a woman arrested last September and October — be committed for trial for spying on exiled opponents of South Africa's white-dominated government.

Under the Zimbabwe government's state of emergency powers, detainees who are not brought to trial appear twice a year before a review tribunal which can recommend their release. But the government is allowed to overrule the tribunal's recommendation.

The decision not to prosecute was announced by prosecutor Tadeusz Karwe, who said "the reason... is one of insufficiency of evidence."

Magistrate Albert Makanda told the prisoners that "at the moment the state does not have enough evidence to prosecute you. If later they have enough evidence they may prosecute."

## Yugoslavs oppose economic reform

BELGRADE, Aug 1. (Reuters): Most people in Yugoslavia oppose the government's economic reforms to free markets, the official news agency Tanjug said today.

They also oppose the government's austerity programme aimed at slowing Yugoslavia's annual inflation rate of 189 per cent.

Tanjug said a poll by the Zagreb Market Research Institute showed most Yugoslav workers did not want to work under conditions like those of West European enterprises.

Reforms which the government wants to introduce next January would give market forces and profits a key role in communist Yugoslavia. It wants to amend the 1974 constitution to clear the way for the reforms and has set a Nov 29 deadline to do so.

The poll showed 42 per cent of

Yugoslavs oppose lay-offs while one in two object to strict controls to stop the abuse of sick leave.

It also showed 50 per cent of Yugoslavs had only vague ideas of what the reform involved, and 18 per cent had no idea at all.

The government's austerity programme, adopted in May, curbed wages and lifted controls on prices, imports and foreign exchange.

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Rescue workers search through rubble for survivors in the collapsed jetty in the north Malaysian port of Butterworth. (Reuter wirephoto)

## North Yemen names new government

SANAA, Aug 1, (Reuter): North Yemen has announced a new government weeks following President Ali Abdullah Saleh's overwhelmingly re-election by the country's new Parliament.

Diplomats said the cabinet, announced last night on Sanaa television, was marked by continuity, with only a few minor portfolios changed.

"Some people were expecting more far reaching changes, but they didn't happen," said one diplomat.

Diplomats said a recent programme of political reform, including the July 5, election of the country's first Parliament, have helped to cement Saleh's power.

The President was re-elected by the Parliament soon after it held its first session and the cabinet subsequently submitted its resignation.

On Thursday Saleh gave Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Ghani a mandate to form the new cabinet.

Diplomats said the cabinet contained a few technical changes that seemed mostly aimed at improving administration.

The cabinet contains a handful of new faces, diplomats said, while other ministers have been reshuffled to take on new portfolios.

Responsibility for transport was separated from communications to be combined with public works, a Ministry of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs was created and the general directorate of youth and sports was upgraded to a full ministry.

Several ministers who lost their positions were appointed members of the Yemeni Parliament, the consultative assembly, Sanaa television said.

**Tunisian party leadership reshuffled**

TUNIS, Aug 1, (Reuter): President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali continued a shake-up of the government and the leadership of the ruling party by naming a political bureau including only two figures strongly linked to ousted head of state Habib Bourguiba.

He also halved the size of the bureau from 12 members to six.

The two, nominated after the close on Sunday of the first party congress since Bourguiba was removed from office nearly nine months ago, are Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche, who has the new job of party vice-president, and Central Bank Governor Ismail Kheilil.

Kheilil, who became a political bureau member after the last congress in 1986, was dropped last December when Ben Ali reshuffled the leadership of the Constitutional Democratic Assembly, formerly the Destourian Socialist Party.

Abderrahim Zouari, 44, who like Ben Ali worked at one stage at the Interior Ministry, takes Baccouche's place as party secretary-general, the official media said today.

Minister of State (senior minister) for the Interior Habib Ammar, another long-serving figure at the Interior Ministry which Ben Ali headed from 1986 to 1987, remains a member of the bureau.

Foreign Minister Abdelhamid Escheikh and Abdallah Kallel, a minister at the presidency responsible for defence, are two new members of the bureau. Kallel becomes party treasurer.

The six dropped from the bureau include ex-Foreign Minister Mahmoud Mestiri.

Earlier on Sunday Ben Ali appointed two-thirds of the party's 200-strong central committee, enlarged from 90, imposing his personal stamp on a party which Bourguiba dominated for more than half a century.

## Death toll rises in jetty collapse

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1, (Reuter): Rescue teams worked late into the night to recover victims from the wreckage of a jetty which collapsed on Sunday as thousands of people queued for a ferry in Butterworth, northern Malaysia, officials said.

The death toll rose to 31 when one person died overnight and one of the 832 injured was in critical condition.

"We think all bodies have been recovered," deputy Penang state secretary Mohamed Noraini Kamarudin said by telephone. He said 413 people were seriously hurt and 419 treated for injuries.

**Procession**

"We are doing our best to contact families of the victims, including a Frenchman and two Singaporeans," Noraini said.

Police and witnesses said all the dead were Malaysian but several foreigners were among the injured.

Officials said the jetty collapsed on Sunday as 3,000 people lined up to cross from Butterworth to the resort island of Penang for a religious festival in honour of Kwan Yin, the Buddhist goddess of mercy.

Penang attracted some 100,000 people at the weekend to attend a procession honouring Kwan Yin which takes place only once every 60 years.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed and Transport Minister Datuk Ling Liong Sik were at the site today to investigate the cause of the accident, the worst in Malaysia since 1977 when a Malaysian Airlines System Boeing 737 crashed in the southern state of Johore with the loss of 100 lives.

Transport Minister Datuk Ling Liong Sik said on Sunday that the jetty was overloaded.

The jetty was built in 1956 and the collapsed section was replaced with new planks in mid-1986, Penang Port Commission chairman Syed Mohamad Aidid said.

Most people use the cheaper ferry crossing in preference to a bridge that links the Malaysian peninsula with Penang.

**Reconciliation over Sahara conflict**

**Morocco drops boycott policy**

RABAT, Aug 1, (Reuter): Morocco is mending diplomatic fences after apparently abandoning a policy of cutting ties with countries supporting the Polisario independence movement in the Western Sahara, diplomats said.

Its rapprochement with neighbouring Algeria in May which ended an 11-year rift over the Sahara conflict meant that the boycott policy had been finally dropped, they said.

Morocco's military control of the Western Sahara, a vast mineral-rich desert, has not weakened despite more than a decade of bitter warfare with the Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas in the former Spanish colony.

But the use of the diplomatic weapon of severing ties with only a few countries had failed to isolate Polisario or its self-styled

Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), the diplomats said.

SADR is now recognised by 71 countries, most of them with no diplomatic ties with Morocco, as well as the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

Morocco quit the OAU when it admitted the SADR as a member in November 1984.

No West European country has so far recognised SADR, nor has any country formally accepted Moroccan sovereignty over the disputed territory which Rabat administers under a 1975 accord with Spain.

Now that Morocco is friends again with Algeria, there is logically no reason why it should quarrel with any one recognising SADR," one diplomat said.

Morocco severed ties with Algeria in March 1976 for backing the Polisario which relies

heavily on Algerian military, diplomatic and financial support.

The diplomats said further evidence of Morocco's new policy was its decision last week to resume diplomatic ties with Yugoslavia, severed over Belgrade's recognition of the SADR in 1984.

They expected Morocco to normalise relations with India, the last major country to recognise the SADR in October 1985 but said the policy change did not necessarily mean that Morocco was about to return to the OAU, which has pooled efforts with the United Nations to settle the dispute through a referendum.

"Morocco is no doubt keen to get back into the OAU but the reason why it pulled out in the first place still exists. We have to wait and see," a diplomat said.

**Philippine military rejects rebel terms to free prisoners**

MANILA, Aug 1, (Reuter): The Philippine military today rejected communist rebel demands for the release of two top guerrilla leaders as part of a deal to free five hostage soldiers.

The communist New People's Army (NPA) demanded the release of its former commander-in-chief, Juanito Rivera, who was captured last November, regional commander George Madlosan and three women. In exchange, it said it would release the five soldiers it has held captive since June 1.

Army spokesman Colonel Oscar Fiorendo told reporters: "How can they make a demand? We are not negotiating with them."

**Charges**

The rebels held talks on Sunday with government officials, led by Public Works Secretary Junito Ferrer, at the foot of the heavily-forested Mount Banahaw in Quezon province, south of Manila. But Fiorendo dismissed the talks as "private negotiations" on behalf of the soldiers' families.

As further conditions for freeing the soldiers, the rebels have called for compensation for victims of human rights abuses and an end to what they described as the forced enlistment of civilians in anti-communist militia units.

Also today, a government prosecutor said rebellion and

kidnapping charges against a Swede, a West German and a Filipino accused of links with the rebels would be dropped for lack of evidence. They would be charged instead with subversion.

Stellan Hermansson of Stockholm, Klaus Schmidt of Cologne and Antonio Bosch, a Filipino, were arrested on June 8 in a Quezon province village the military said was rebel-controlled. The three men deny involvement with the guerrillas.

**Blast**

Meanwhile, a time bomb exploded at a university hall where officials were to discuss autonomy for Muslims in the Philippines, wrecking a door but causing no casualties, the military said today.

Sunday's blast occurred just before Muslim and Christian delegates opened a two-day conference at the Mindanao State University in Marawi, 800 kms south of Manila.

No suspects have been arrested and no group has claimed responsibility.

The meeting was to draw up the mechanics of autonomy for the seven million Muslims in largely Christian Philippines.

A military spokesman told reporters the blast was obviously intended to disrupt the meeting which he said was being opposed by Muslim separatists demanding secession from the Philippines.

## Afghan rebels to free two Soviet PoWs

ISLAMABAD, Aug 1, (Reuter): Afghan guerrilla leaders announced today they would release two Soviet prisoners of war as a "gesture of goodwill."

The announcement came as a Western diplomat reported a big offensive against the rebels was under way near Kabul.

A seven-party guerrilla alliance based in Pakistan said the prisoners would be handed over to Soviet authorities through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Alliance chairman Syed Ahmad Gailani said in a statement the guerrilla groups were also ready to "take measures to stop attacking Soviet troops while withdrawing, provided they stop military involvement in backing the Kabul regime."

**Fighting**

But news of the guerrilla offer coincided with reports from Kabul of fierce fighting west of the city following a big Soviet and Afghan government offensive against the rebels.

A Western diplomat said the attack against a concentration of rebels about 20 km from Kabul began three days ago and fighting was apparently still raging.

The rebels were grouped around the garrison town of Paghman, he said.

The offensive began after several days of heavy artillery and aerial bombardment of the Paghman area, the diplomat said.

The Afghan guerrillas have not identified the two Soviet prisoners, indicated where they are being held captive, or the location for the handover to the Red Cross.

But Gailani said they were being returned to the Soviet Union in full conformity with their wishes.

"This has been done as a gesture of goodwill," he said.

"Our future policy in regard to the Soviet PoWs will be adjusted in accordance to any positive or negative Soviet reaction in this regard," he added.

## Anglican Church steps up efforts

# Move for release of hostages

BEIRUT, Aug 1, (Reuter): Lebanese Christian clerics have told a British church envoy they will check into the fate of three missing Iranians as part of efforts to free British hostages, a Western diplomat said today.

He told Reuters the promise was won by the bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, John Brown, who met Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, other top Maronite clerics and Armenian Patriarch Karekin II last week.

"What he got was assurances and willingness to pursue checks into the fate of the Iranians," the diplomat told Reuters. "He did not get anything concrete, but the point of the visit was to intensify talks to help the hostages," he added.

Brown, envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, arrived in East Beirut last Thursday and left on Saturday.

The diplomats said Brown met no politicians or officials of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, accused by Iran of abduc-

ting three Iranians and their Lebanese driver in 1982.

Brown was due to report on his trip to Runcie, spiritual leader of the Church of England, in London.

Iran funds and promotes the fundamentalists of Hezbollah, widely believed to hold some of the 23 foreigners missing and thought kidnapped in Lebanon.

**Claim**

Hezbollah has repeatedly denied links to hostage-taking but on Sunday one of its senior military officials came close to claiming the abduction in February of American Marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins.

Abbas Al Musawi told a rally in eastern Lebanon: "Higgins was spying on Hezbollah. It is normal to face conspiracy by seizing its servants ... it is our right to seize him."

Lebanese kidnappers using the names of various clandestine groups have demanded changes in Western policies in the Gulf and in the past two years have secured Iran with arms and loan

repayments in return for freeing American and French hostages.

Last June the Iranians asked a Church of England-sponsored delegation — visiting Tehran to ask for help in releasing the British hostages — to help in finding the missing Iranians.

Iran said that in return it would use its influence with the militants holding British hostages.

**Influence**

The Maronite patriarch enjoys wide support and respect from the Lebanese Forces militiamen and could use his influence to press for information about the missing Iranians.

Iran says the four — Charge d'Affaires Hossein Musavi, Revolutionary Guards official Ahmad Motavasselian, Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) photographer Kazem Akhavan and their driver — were kidnapped near the Christian town of Batroun on July 4, 1982.

The Lebanese Forces said they released the four after detaining them for identity checks. Chris-

tian and Muslim security sources, however, believe the four were killed.

The British government has repeatedly said it will not enter negotiations for the release of church envoy Terry Waite, missing since January 1987, journalist John McCarthy, kidnapped in April 1986, and Brian Keenan, a teacher who holds joint British and Irish nationality who was kidnapped shortly before McCarthy.

But Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said in a letter to Waite's brother David recently her government wanted better relations with Iran.

IRNA on Sunday welcomed Thatcher's remarks which it said revealed a significant softening of her attitude towards Iran.

Higgins, 43, was working for the UN observer force in south Lebanon when he was snatched by gunmen on Feb 17.

A group calling itself the Organisation of the Oppressed of the World claimed his abduction and said he was a spy.

**Sihanouk leaves**

BEIJING, Aug 1, (AP): Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk left for North Korea today after a two-day visit to China during which he briefed Chinese leaders on last week's talks in Indonesia among Kampuchea's warring factions.

Sihanouk met yesterday with Vice Premier Wu Xueqian, who said the Indonesian meeting marked the beginning of a search for a political settlement, but accused Soviet-backed Vietnam of being insincere in its efforts to achieve peace in Kampuchea, the China Daily reported.

## Tigers attracting more recruits

MADRAS, Aug 1, (Reuter): The Tamil Tigers guerrilla group is attracting Sri Lankan Tamils in large numbers to its campaign for a separate state after fighting Indian troops for the past year, exiled Tamil leaders said at the weekend.

"Youths specially consider the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) the only group which has not betrayed the Tamils by accepting the Sri Lankan peace accord," M.K. Elaventhann said.

Elaventhann, general secretary of the Tamil Eelam

Liberation Front, a political organisation usually opposed to the militant Tigers, added: "They are seen as brave men fighting powerful forces which support an impractical accord."

**Weapons**

The pact was signed by India and Sri Lanka in July last year to try to end the guerrilla war for a Tamil homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

Tigers, dissatisfied with guarantees on the Tamils future, refused to give up their arms or abandon the guerrilla fight and are opposed by some 50,000

Indian troops on the island.

"The LTTE need the weapons to protect their members and other Tamils," said a Tigers spokesman in Madras capital of Tamil Nadu state, which is home to more than 50 million Indian Tamils.

The spokesman said his group differed from the others in insisting a Tamil homeland carved out of what they say are traditionally Tamil areas of the island's north and east.

"We back the accord only as a step to a Tamil nation called Eelam," he said.

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## Fun outweighs the hardship

## Young Kuwaitis learn pearl diving

MANY young Kuwaitis visit foreign holiday resorts to avoid the choking heat of a Gulf summer, but teenager Khaled Salem and his friends prefer hardship and danger at sea, diving for pearls as their forefathers did.

The youths have joined a summer youth camp aimed at turning pampered Kuwaiti teenagers into expert pearl divers.

"The goal is to revive a way of life lived by our fathers and grandfathers," said Khalifa Rashid, who teaches at the camp.

Rashid first dived for pearls 50 years ago at the age of nine. "If we don't pass it on to our youth, the skill will die," he told Reuters.

## Graced

Natural pearls from the Gulf once graced the necks of wealthy ladies from New York to Bombay, but the trade all but vanished when Japan developed cheaper and more uniform cultured pearls in the 1930s.

The Gulf went on to find new and undreamed of riches in oil. Now 17-year-old Salem is one of 150 boys who gave up fancy cars and summer trips to Cannes' beaches or London to acquire an ancient skill.

Instead, they have to shave their heads and cope with grueling 12-hour days at camp, learning how to dive and row and survive at sea.

"At school I keep thinking how much fun it will be when the summer comes and I can start pearl diving again," Salem said.

A 1985 study commissioned by HH the Amir of Kuwait found that young men spent too much time racing fast cars, watching television and videos.

All are frowned upon in a society that remains committed to conservative Islamic values despite its vast oil wealth.

What makes Salem seek out the hardships of the past? "We want to try what our fathers and grandfathers did. I like the adventure. What will I do at home, sit around and do nothing?"

The 16-day pearling expedition sets off in August for waters off Kheir, near the Saudi Arabian border, and organisers vow there will be no concessions to modern life.

"Last year we applied only 50 per cent of the real life of a diver," said supervisor Hassan Rajab. "This year, God willing, we will apply 100 per cent."

Dozens of boys dressed in T-shirt and wizar, a brightly coloured wrap-around skirt, prepare the ropes and weights they will use to descend to the seabed.

"When they first came their hands were so soft they got blisters just handling the ropes," said Khalifa as he inspected their handiwork. "Now look at them."

## Sunstroke

Few seemed apprehensive about getting sunstroke in the heat of 50 degrees Centigrade (120 Fahrenheit) or running into a shark or poisonous jellyfish underwater.

"I'm used to it," said 18-year-old Ali Hussein, who arrives at the marine sports club every morning in his Mercedes.

During an expedition pearl divers wake at sea with the sunrise call to prayer. After dates and coffee, they prise open oyster shells collected the previous day. If pearls are plentiful, they stay at anchor. If not, they row to a new location.

HH the Amir specially ordered a fleet of 12 wooden ships, from five to 10 metres (16-32 ft) long. Smaller than the great pearling ships of the past, they have the



A group of young Kuwaiti divers at a summer youth camp.

same shape, square stern and pointed bow, and are piloted by experienced pearl divers like Rashid.

Diving begins around six in the morning with a net hung around his neck and wearing oose clips, the diver slips his foot into a loop on a weighted rope and descends.

Once down, he gropes along the seabed, prising loose the oyster shells and tugs on his rope when he runs out of breath. A colleague, called a seeb, pulls him up.

The men make 10 dives at a time, at depths of five to seven metres (16-23 feet), with only a few minutes rest in between.

Breaks are allowed after noon and afternoon prayers. Diving ends at sunset, and the crew has the only real meal of the day — rice, fish and tea. Fresh water is rationed.

If a diver gets into trouble — attacked by a shark or stung by a sea urchin or stingray — he gives the rope two or three violent tugs and is hauled up at top speed.

Salem said the only time he felt scared was when a large but harmless fish, locally known as Hammour, bumped his chest.

## Outweigh

Otherwise the fun seemed to outweigh the hardship. "After dinner the boys tie up together and everybody swaps stories," Salem said. "I go to visit Ali and ask him how many shells he got. We play music."

The pearls, still abundant in the Gulf, are presented to HH the Amir as a gift. The boys get cash bonuses.

"In 10 years we will have trained 700 boys. That's enough to train all of Kuwait," said Rashid. "And when they are as old as I am, they can teach their children how to dive."

Meanwhile, the secretary-general of Kuwait Sea Club-Sultan Al Mubarak expressed appreciation for the efforts of the seamen, captain and members of the marine heritage survival committee for their contributions in

the third diving anniversary.

He confirmed that these efforts had significantly contributed towards the club's efforts in preserving the country's heritage.

He commented that the club was very keen to expand its activities and this year 120 youngsters participated in intensive training. The third diving anniversary which began on July 1 will last up to Sept 2 and the diving voyage will begin from Aug 18 to Sept 2.

## Welcome

Al Mubarak said that all were welcome to participate in the club's festivities and added that the club had organised two competitions: one named the cultural competition, and the other, the small diving competition with prizes to be awarded to the winners, he said.

The official thanked Kuwait's Ministry of Information for its contributions towards the success of the festival.

## Sheikh Sabah arrives in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Aug 1, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah arrived here this evening to take part in meetings of the Arab seven-man committee assigned to follow up the Iraq-Iran war.

Reporting his arrival, Iraqi news agency said that Sheikh Sabah was received at the airport by Iraqi Minister of Culture and Information Latief Nassayef Jassam.

Besides Kuwait, the Arab League's seven-man committee comprises Iraq, Jordan, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Arab Yemen in addition to League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi.

Sheikh Sabah is accompanied by director of the department of the foreign minister's office Abdulla Al Abdel Razaq and director of the Arab world department at the ministry Abdel Hameed Al Bejjan.

## Mazidi receives Polish envoy

MINISTER of State for Public Services Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi received in his office yesterday the Polish Charge d'Affaires Yanosha Douark and the Commercial Counsellor Andrea Jadola.

Discussions centred on bilateral co-operation and means of re-opening the commercial air route between both countries in accordance with their agreement in this respect.

## Petrol stations

A LOCAL daily said that the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) has awarded the management of four petrol pumping stations to Tanzifco Co.

The four stations are situated at Adaliyah, Jahra, Qurtoba and Shuwaikh.

## ROYAL COURT

## Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to President of Switzerland on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad on the occasion of his return to the country following a private visit to West Germany preceded by an official visit to the US.

## Demand for tyres rises in summer

HIGH temperatures and increased overland travelling account for the greater demand for tyres in Kuwait in the summer months, though business is also reported as brisk during the rest of the year. With this in mind, a local daily conducted a survey to gather information regarding fitting and using tyres.

Said Al Hariri, a tyre salesman, stressed the importance of checking tyres at the beginning of the summer. High temperatures subject tyres to great stress, which could prove fatal to a driver in the case of a blowout.

## Tubeless

In view of the higher incidence of punctures, he suggested the fitting of tubeless tyres, which can last for 20 kilometres after a puncture, thus reducing the risk of sudden loss of control over the vehicle.

Al Hariri also urged drivers to balance their tyres immediately after buying them as correctly balanced tyres last longer and ensure better road-holding.

With regard to how long one could reasonably expect a tyre to last, Al Hariri stated that this much depended on use — reckless driving could finish a tyre in a matter of weeks, but sensible use would ensure at least one year for

a good quality tyre. Advice from other tyre dealers included checking the manufacturing date of the tyre and periodically changing the places of all four tyres in a crosswise manner. Power steering lessens the life of a tyre, they added. Car drum measurements instructions for tyres should be followed in order to avoid accidents, as each tyre has speed limits and wide drums are prohibited by law.

## Agriculture will be given attention

THE chairman of Al Abdali Agricultural Co-operative Society, Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al Naser Al Sabah, stated that the chairman and directors of Kuwait Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries will pay special attention to the Kuwaiti agricultural problems.

In an interview with a local daily Sheikh Mubarak said that officials would accord top priority to the provision of water for the expansion of the agricultural sectors and extend support to building of green houses and wells.

Speaking on marketing problems, Sheikh Mubarak said several efforts were exerted in co-operation with the Kuwaiti Farmers Union, Kuwaiti Agricultural Produce Company and Agricultural Co-operative Societies Union to alleviate the problem.

Replying to a query on imposing customs duties on imported vegetable and fruits, Mubarak said that though such duties would benefit national production, this step would harm consumers and eventually decrease the demand for vegetables and fruits.

He added that Kuwait is a hot country and the dependence on imported fruit and vegetables is vital.

## 20 AIDS cases reported

By Nasser Al Tameemi

TWENTY AIDS cases have so far been reported in Kuwait, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqeb said yesterday.

Al Naqeb disclosed that four people with AIDS are Kuwaitis and currently under strict observation. The other 16 were expatriates and had been sent to their respective countries.

The Ministry of Public Health has recently imposed compulsory AIDS tests for all new entrants to Kuwait, he said.

## Iraq delays elections

BAGHDAD, Aug 1, (Reuters): Iraq said today it was postponing general elections scheduled for the end of August for six months because of the war with Iran.

"The decision was taken due to the fact that the people, the leadership and state bodies were busy in the current battle, something that prevents giving them a proper chance to play their role in the National Assembly," an Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) decree said.

Both Iraq and Iran have accepted the year-old United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 calling for an immediate ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf war.

But since Iran accepted the resolution on July 18 — Iraq agreed to the proposals from the outset — there has been renewed fighting on the central and southern war fronts as talks continue at the UN on a proposed truce.

## Prize distribution

THE School Activities Department of the Ministry of Education will distribute prizes accorded by HH the Amir to outstanding members of summer clubs for activities in the fields of scientific, cultural and social competitions. The prize distribution ceremony is scheduled for next week.

## Delhi urged to set up fund for returning workers

NEW DELHI, Aug 1, (KUNA): The southern state of Kerala has asked the Indian government to set up \$700 million fund for the rehabilitation of migrant workers returning from the Gulf countries.

Indian Labour Minister Bideswar Dubey said today that Kerala Chief Minister E.K. Nayanar has asked the centre to work out details of how to utilise the fund, once set up.

There are about one million Indian workers in the Gulf countries and most of them are engaged in construction projects.

It has been reported that a number of Indian workers are returning home following a slump in oil prices which prompted the Gulf states to cut their expenditures.

Most of the Indian workers in the Gulf belong to Kerala.

Dubey said all aspects of the proposal to set up the fund and its implications require careful study.

## Training course

THE third training course for salesmen at the co-operative societies began on Saturday at the Co-operative Societies Union and will continue until August 4.

The course is aimed at increasing the capabilities and experiences of the co-operatives salesmen.

The Union Vice-President Mushari Al Umari open the course with a speech in which he stressed the importance of training to upgrade the role of the co-operative societies in Kuwait and added that the union is trying to create a generation of capable co-operative employees.

The union official disclosed that salesmen face tough competition from private supermarkets or locally known as "popular markets." He commented that it is vital to attract the consumer by attractive display of commodities and providing co-operative assistance and guidance.

## Sentence reduced

THE Cassation Court has reduced the sentence of a man from 10 years imprisonment with hard labour to seven years. He was convicted of molesting a five-year-old boy.

The court was told that the convict had come to the boy's house to meet the elder brother of the boy. When he did not find the brother, he asked the boy to get the key of the diwaniya. The man dragged the boy inside the diwaniya when it was opened and molested him.

## 37th youth camp in progress

KUWAIT is at present holding the 37th youth camp, according to a senior Kuwaiti official.

Kuwait holds one youth camp every year during the summer. In addition, Kuwait takes part in camps organised in the Gulf, Arab and other countries.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Abdurrahman Al Mazroui, said the camps activities related to digging works, afforestation, marine environment protection, cleaning public parks, mosques and coastal areas including city beautification.

## Entrusted

Al Mazroui said there were various departments entrusted with youth affairs: the youth and childhood department which supervises the youth centres, swimming pools, scouts camps

and children's gardens; the sports affairs department which aims at upgrading youth talents in sports, cultural and technical areas; and the sports installations and training courses department which organises the necessary training courses abroad in addition to grooming leaders in various sports activities.

Replying to a question about co-operation between the youth department and the Ministry of Interior, he said that the General Traffic Department extended their co-operation and had organised several seminars and lectures for youths in traffic awareness.

Speaking on co-operation between the GCC countries in the field of youth activities, Al Mazroui said since the establishment of the Gulf Co-operation Council there was a distinguished co-operation between the GCC youth and their counterparts in the other member states particularly in organising of cultural competitions and joint camps.

The official referred to the GCC youth activities merger experiment during the cultural rally held in Tokyo in 1985 as a pioneer one and cited the two GCC joint youth camps — one held in Somalia and the other to be held in Sudan next month.

## Vital

Speaking on Kuwaiti Arab co-operation in the field of youth activities, Al Mazroui said the GCC Youth Ministers Council and technical committees are vital towards supporting youth activities on the Arab level.

Kuwait is very keen to participate in Arab youth gatherings aimed at strengthening of relations among Arab youths.

## Zakat House helps Palestinians

THE director-general of Zakat House, Fuad Abdulla Al Omar, said that it supports Palestinians in the occupied territories and camps in Lebanon and Jordan, including the Lebanese affected by the civil war.

Furthermore, he said, the house carried out a number of productive projects in the occupied territories such as sheep breeding to improve the source of income of Palestinian families.

These projects also aim at encouraging Palestinians to stay on their lands. The house also sponsors a number of Palestinian

orphans in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and provides support to some Zakat committees who maintain needy families in addition to supporting schools, health centres and hospitals, he said.

Al Omar pointed out that the house suspended marriage loans as it needs a large capital outlay and should be assisted by receiving contributions from other bodies.

He added that figures of donors' contributions are announced, though names of recipients are not disclosed.

The official said that the house co-ordinates activities with the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. The house also has a representative in the Foreign Support Committee of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and co-ordinate projects carried outside Kuwait.

Zakat House also co-ordinates with the Islamic International Charitable Authority and has joint charitable projects with it, he added.

Al Omar called on citizens to support the house by rendering moral and material support.

## Ministry refutes favouritism charges

AN authoritative source at the Ministry of Education has denied that the administrative development process is going slowly and depends on the mood of officials.

He clarified that the process was enjoying considerable concern on the part of the Minister, Anwar Al Nouri and ministry officials and stated that the process was being conducted in accordance with previously made plans.

The source, who asked not to be identified, also denied that the transfers made recently among ministry officials were based on favouritism.

However, he did acknowledge that there were some officials who had done nothing towards administrative development and added that their attitude had rather retarded matters.

He confirmed that the process would continue and would cover all senior administrative officials, but noted that the changes in the posts did not constitute the main development objective, which included, among other things, the reduction of the amount of bureaucratic red tape.

## Increase in foreign calls

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Communications has attributed the recent increase in the number of foreign calls to several factors.

He detailed these as: Kuwait's enhanced role in Arab, Islamic and international activities; greater access to the direct dialling system; the increase of telephone circuits, which have reached 1,247 so far and the increase in the number of lines, which currently stands at 300,000.

The source noted that there were about 1.2 million foreign calls in 1986, but added that there had actually been a reduction in other services, such as post, telex and telegram in the same year.

## Israel's existence in question: Al Quqa

## Uprising is the only way to regain occupied lands

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE uprising in the occupied territories has forced the big countries to discuss the Palestinian issue and their rights, a Palestinian leader said at a press conference held yesterday in Kuwait.

Khaled Al Quqa, a leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, said that the uprising is the only way to regain the occupied lands after many attempts to achieve this goal were dashed.

Al Quqa, who was expelled from Gaza in April this year for inciting Palestinians to revolt, emphasised the legitimacy of the uprising and its capability to restore Palestinian lands to their rightful owners. He said: "The uprising makes it possible to think of abolishing Israel from existence."

## Instructions

He disclosed that his movement is continually fighting independently against the Israeli occupation and instructions are received from the leaders of the Islamic Resistance Movement and not from the PLO.

He added that the uprising has

clearly foiled attempts and plans of those dreaming about a "Palestinian dwarf state" and emphasised that the Palestinian question has become "a central theme" of all Muslims over the world.

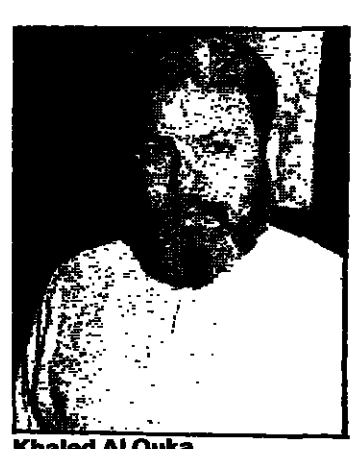
Al Quqa stressed that the uprising has unified the efforts of its people in their struggle against occupation and placed the very existence of Israel into question.

"I do not want our people to imagine that stones alone will restore Palestinian rights," he, however, said.

He refuted Israeli allegations that the uprising is gradually waning and stressed that it would continue till victory was achieved. He also denied any Iranian role in the current uprising.

He commented that Palestinians are following in the footsteps of their Afghan brothers and are holding in high esteem the victory of the Afghan movement.

Al Quqa added that the Islamic Resistance Movement is not represented in the unified



Khaled Al Quqa.

leadership after the withdrawal of the Jihad group.

Replying to a question about the rejection to co-operate with the PLO, he said the movement is extending all help to those wishing to liberate Palestine.

He strongly condemned the so-called international peace conference and described it as a conspiracy against the legal rights of the Palestinian movement.

## Government printing press to open within a year

By Mahmoud Mursi

THE director of the government printing press, Mohammed Al Omar, has said that he expects the new printing house building in Shuwaikh to be opened within a year.

He added that it would be a central one for the state and would be able to meet the demands of ministries and government establishments for different publications, especially text books for the Ministry of Education, without having to resort to printing material outside the country.

The government printing house will be non-profit making and will charge for the actual cost of printing only.

Its opening will improve productivity and publications are expected to increase from the 1987 figure of 57 million to 150 million.

The number of employees, which is 650 at present, most of whom are Kuwaitis, is likely to increase three-fold, working three shifts instead of two.

## Responsible

Al Omar pointed out that the printing house was responsible for the issuing of periodic publications of the Ministry of Information and other ministries, such as the Kuwait Gazette, Al Arabi magazine and Al Arabi Al Sagheer, as well as official publications on the occasion of conferences and meetings held in Kuwait.

دولت اسلامی



**KHALED SIDDIK** is a charismatic Kuwaiti who has become internationally recognised as an Arab film director of great talent. Speaking about the motivating factors that led him to a movie-making career, he said:

"Although I was born in Kuwait, my father was employed in trade with India and preferred me to have my schooling there. I started becoming interested in films when I was seven or eight and used to find frames of films — the rushes of out-takes — wrapped up in candles. Later, while in high school, I used to go to the Bombay film studios and give a hand free of charge. After some time I joined the photography class where I did both still and motion photography."

He carries on to explain that upon returning to Kuwait his father, a pious, religious man, would not agree to the pursuit of his film studies as he believed that any representation of art was sinful. "Against his will I joined KTV and started making documentaries. I then left for the United States and enrolled at the University of Southern California."

The problem he faced in the preliminary studies was that already he had reached a semi-professional level and was academically and practically way ahead of his student peers. "They were not willing to evaluate my work so I returned to Kuwait and made a film called *The Falcon*. It was a straightforward documentary style film about this desert sport. I think it's important to have a record of such traditions."

*The Falcon* was shown on local television where it was well-received. The film also won several awards including one in Tunis, another in Prague.

"After this I did a couple more documentaries for KTV before I started my first feature film in 1969 — *The Cruel Sea* — which I completed in 1971. I wanted to make a 100 per cent Kuwaiti movie and used technicians from the television station who had some experience in documentaries and newsreels."



A still from Siddik's film *The Cruel Sea*.

# Siddik: an inspiration for posterity

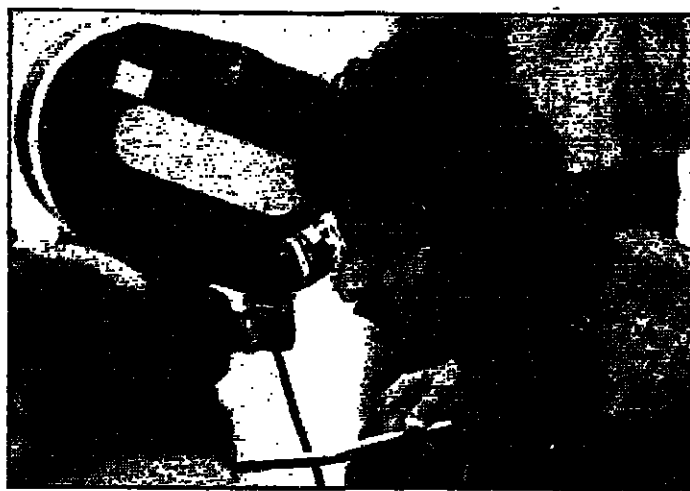
The film portrays life in Kuwait before the discovery of oil and reflects the simple poignancy of this economic/cultural tradition which has all but disappeared. Based on a story by Abdel-Rahman Saleh, *The Cruel Sea* is a tragic tale of a poor youth who dies at sea while searching for the pearls that would enable him to afford to marry the daughter of a wealthy man. Whilst he is gone, though, she is forced to marry a rich old merchant and the film ends with his mother cursing the sea.

Writing about *The Cruel Sea* in the September 13, 1972 issue of *Variety* magazine, a reviewer said:

"The film is unusual in that it is a first and can hold its own with most of the films in the recent Venice (USA) Festival... Director Siddik shows a sure-footed grasp in the dramatic inter-cutting. He demonstrated filming — know-how and maturity."

Comments Siddik, *The Cruel Sea* a challenge for me and necessitated a great deal of research — any flaw would have got me in lots of trouble. "The wedding of Zein, the director's next film is based on a Sudanese tale set a quarter of a century ago. The main character, Zein, is in the ancient tradition of the 'Holy Fool' — a veritable village idiot whose comic behaviour conceals a spiritual quality recognised by the Holy Man, Haneen and by Zein's cousin, Nima; the most beautiful, most sought-after girl in the entire village. The film depicts the struggle between spiritual believers and exploitative religious authorities — with the victory being for the real believers."

"The beauty of the Sudanese culture," relates Siddik, "is that it is a folkloric mixture of Islamic, African and Pharaonic. I tried to make use of this in a dramatic structure and this style was imitated by a lot of people after the film was a success — especially in North Africa. It has a lot of advan-



Khaled Siddik in action.

tages besides informing the people of the non-Arab world about the past. I think these kind of movies live longer."

One distinction of Khaled Siddik is that he is loathe to use professional actors in his films. "I hate the whole star syndrome and feel that non-professionals are far more convincing. I started with *The Cruel Sea* using a cast that had some experience in stage and television but none in actual feature films. I thought that what we needed in the Arab countries was to create the system where the director is the star. That's the problem in the Arab world. What I resent is that stars think that they make a film and that is wrong. Europe went through that about twenty, twenty-five years ago. We needed to create such a thing, so I told myself that when I had a good script the film would be something different."

"In my second film *The Wedding of Zein* I was in the Sudan which was a new territory. Besides the anthropological research I did for the script, I had to announce that I was doing screen tests for people interested in acting in the film. We had a video tape recorder and made tests for about 1,500 people. After selecting whom I wanted from these tests, I discovered that out of these 1,500 I couldn't find an actor for the role of the holy man, Haneen. Then I saw the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information giving a speech on television. The next day I went to his office and persuaded him to act in my film. I promised I would shoot the scenes within two or three days and at last he agreed. He had never acted in his life and when the picture was completed he said he thought it was somebody else."

Siddik carried on to point out that contrary to what one would imagine, using non-professional names is not necessarily cheaper. "In fact it can be more costly. 'It is a question of retakes. My shooting ratio in *The Wedding of Zein* was twenty-five to one."

This is unbelievable in the Middle East where the shooting ratio is generally three to one. But I couldn't compromise because the skeleton of the picture was the character, Zein and if there was a little drop here or there it meant the whole film would be out of control."

One dilemma Siddik does face with his films is that of dubbing the English. For example, for *The Wedding of Zein* he was under pressure to dub in the jive dialect of black America which would have been clearly unsuitable. "Ultimately the dubbing was done in a transatlantic style which was not particularly popular in the United States. On the other hand, certain films where they have used American voices sound strange. Amadeus being a good example."

The dubbing of Shaheen was a monumental task. It was released in three languages Hindi, Arabic and English. The film is based on a love story from Boccaccio's 'Decameron' in mediaeval India.

"We selected Rajasthan as a location as it is extremely beautiful and was an important trade centre in the silk route days which is when the story is set."

The story features a truly international cast and, wherever possible Siddik has the appropriate nationality playing their role. "The message is of the peaceful co-existence and tolerance of different nations living together," he explains. "I thought it would be interesting to adapt a Boccaccio story to the days when 'European' adventurers and traders were passing through India en route to the Orient."

An Italian production company initially commissioned the film. "They wanted three different interpretations of Boccaccio and selected a Hungarian, Italian and myself, a Kuwaiti director. Now completed all the films are quite different. What I like about Italian producers is that they don't interfere in a director's work — like they do in the

United States.

"I always write or, at least, work on the scripts myself. I don't think that I can direct a movie that is strange to me. I have to live with it from the beginning. I have a personal computer which I carry everywhere and when I have an idea I disconnect the phone and will go and stay in a chalet by the sea far away from any distraction."

Asked about his views on the local film production situation, he replied:

"Culturally, Kuwait is way ahead of any Arabian Gulf country and there is a lot of talent here. Unfortunately though, despite there being several Kuwaiti students who have graduated from the US, they seem frightened to take risks and so restrict themselves to television and radio production."

Siddik self-financed all his films. "People imagine that because I am from Kuwait I have all the wealth behind me — this is simply not true."

High production costs have not apparently deterred him in the least. He has been dubbed Kuwait's answer to Fellini (one of his favourite directors), and apart from the nine awards won for *The Cruel Sea* collected the aforementioned prestigious US award for *The Wedding of Zein* as well as a highly acclaimed

merit from the Cannes Film Festival. In all his films Siddik subtly reflects cultural expressiveness so often missing in today's movies.

The whole international film scene is a tragedy," he complains "and there are very few good films being made now. Of course videos have had a dramatic impact but I feel that they degrade good work by being shown on a small screen. The viewers just cannot become involved, the sound quality is poor and so on..."

Khaled Siddik's films do not only serve to entertain but also succeed in both preserving traditions of the past and the promotion of cross-cultural understanding between the Middle East and the West. Says Siddik, "We want to have a place within the US film community, with our new modernised talents and concerns, while simultaneously we must re-discover in cinematic language our ancient Arabic forms, traditions and history." Clearly, the contribution this Kuwaiti director has made cannot be underestimated and, hopefully, his success and widespread recognition will serve as an inspiration for other young students hoping to pursue a career in the Arab cinematic world.

Courtesy: Kuwait Digest



Scenes from *The Wedding of Zein*.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran  
9:10 Good Morning  
9:35 Space Adventures  
10:00 News summary  
10:15 Dawa Lil Hub  
11:00 News summary  
11:15 Ala Duniyah Al Salam: local serial  
12:00 Good-morning news summary  
12:15 Silver Spoons: English serial  
1:00 News summary  
1:05 World today via satellite  
1:50 Variety show  
2:30 Al Sarab: Arabic serial  
3:35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons  
4:00 News magazine  
4:15 Human Emotions: Arabic play featuring Salah Zulfakar, Iham Shaheen and Enad Rashad  
6:00 Cartoons  
6:30 General information and official announcements  
6:45 Summer '88  
7:05 The World Around Us: a cultural programme  
8:00 Waqalat Al Arab: Arabic serial  
8:45 Weekly Talk: presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
9:00 News in Arabic  
9:45 Al Husan: Arabic serial  
10:45 Nugoom Al Madina: a variety show presented by Sakina Foad  
11:45 News summary  
11:50 World today via satellite  
12:20 Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran  
6:10 Rubick  
6:30 Chocky: Trouble is in store when the family go on a holiday. Polly falls into a fast-flowing river and Matthew, who has never learnt to swim, saves her.  
7:00 Australian Ark: "The Green World" Flora today and its evolution through hundreds of millions of years  
8:00 News in English  
8:30 You and the Law  
8:40 Magnum: "Novel Connection"  
9:30 Les Faucheurs De Marguerites Edward and his wealthy uncle along with their German companion arrive in America to verify the success achieved by the Wright Brothers in utilizing thermal energy to propel the plane upward...  
10:00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be": Slightly Honourable: B/W film starring: Eve Arden, Claire Dodd as lawyer partners who set out to break a crime syndicate.  
11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Al Husan continues on KTV 1 at 9.45 pm.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Wajef Market, Algeria St.  
Mohammed Ali Reda Bldg.,  
Al Hakim Pharmacy  
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Sharq  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Shamsan Pharmacy  
Ibn Khaldoun St., Nagra

Salmiya and Rumailhiya  
Al Raed Pharmacy  
Amman St., Rumailhiya  
Fahaeel and Ahmadi  
Adel Pharmacy  
Al Awadi Bldg., F'heel  
Jleeb Al Shiyookh  
Wahran Pharmacy  
Souk St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bld  
Matafi St.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

### SOCIAL

**D'Assisi Association**  
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August in 5746754 after 6 pm.

**Summer Belle 88**  
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

**Y.M.C.A.**  
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

### German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

**Bangladesh variety show**  
Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

**Onam Festival**  
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. LAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.

**Varca Sporting Centre**  
Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

### HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al

**Andalus Supper Club**. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

**At the Hilton**  
La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight. Buffet meals are also offered at the Failaka restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12:30-3 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

**Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — baked cheesecake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily from 10:30 am - 10:45 pm.**

**At the Ramada**  
El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured. The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

**At the Sheraton**  
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hamba features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

### At the Morillon

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

**At the Continental**  
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

### SPORTS

**IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament**

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Wingers Cup cricket tournament, beginning September 1. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa. Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

**Boy's Own Club**  
Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

### Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

**PBAK bowling tournament**  
The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

★ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwailkh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## English

**Morning**  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0805 Thoughts in Islam  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Songs and Music  
0930 They Sold a Million  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1100 Closedown  
1330 News on FM Service  
**Evening**  
2100 Opening  
2102 In the Latin Mood  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 On Islam  
2215 In the Groove  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Hit Special  
2330 Jazz in Action  
2400 Closedown

### Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Bettehri Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Radio Club  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Jahan Numan  
2100 Closedown

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

0600 World News  
0900 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsworld  
30 Beethoven  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Short Story  
45 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrin's Progress)  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Waveguide (ex 9th and 30th Sportsworld cond.)  
30 Citizens  
0400 Newsworld  
30 Without Strings  
45 Reflections  
30 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 New Ideas  
40 Book Choice  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsworld  
30 Hitting the High Notes  
0700 World News  
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30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 English Songsmiths (ex 2nd Glyndebourne — The Early Years)  
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1200 Radio Newsworld  
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
45 Sports Roundup  
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09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
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45 Recording of the Week (ex 9th and 30th Sportsworld)

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Without Strings  
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45 Sports Roundup

### FM Services

0600 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Italian Hour  
1800 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Rambo III  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone  
**Al Jahra**  
Nishaan (Bengali)  
Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre  
Drive-In  
Asdiqah Al Shaitan (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Farid Shawki  
**Al Hamra**  
Police Academy IV  
Starring: Steve Guttenburg and Bubba Smith  
**Al Firdous**  
Mardon Wali Baat  
Starring: Dharmendra, Shabana Azmi, Sunjay Dutt, Jaya Pradha  
Fahaeel Open  
Lava (Hindi)

**Al Fahaeel**  
Kill Zone  
**Al Jahra**  
Nishaan (Bengali)  
Granada  
Anantharam (Malayalam)  
**Salaikhat**  
Roller Boogie  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Al Ens Wa Al Jin (Arabic)

### PRAYERS

Fajr 3.41 am  
Zuhr 3.54  
Asr 3.30 pm  
Maghreb 6.39  
Isha 8.04

## GRATITUDE

**Othman Barakat and Family**  
extend their heartfelt thanks and warmest gratitude to:  
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Wishing them continuous success and prosperity in all their future endeavours.



## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A RICH man's joke is always funny — Thomas Brown, English writer (1830-1897).

## Christian militia running bus service

By Paul Bolding

BEIRUT, (Reuters): Funding heart surgery and schoolbooks and running a fleet of buses on time are unlikely concerns for heavily-armed Lebanese militiamen.

But the hardline Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia has adopted these and other projects in a bid to replace the grim face of the gunman with that of the smiling social worker.

"We found there was a deep need to create a new image for the Lebanese Forces — in social affairs," said chairman of the militia's year-old Social Solidarity Foundation, Victor Goraieb.

The foundation channels money to poor families for food, education and medical care and, with the help of Lebanese banks, solicits aid from Lebanese living abroad.

The 12,000 strong LF spends \$600,000 a year running 47 buses over a 400 km (250 miles) network with 600 bus stops.

Civilian drivers operate the fleet from 6 am to 10 pm and charge a flat fare of 25 pounds (eight US cents).

**Assistance** Social assistance is a major departure for the LF, which has largely spent its cash on arming the fighters who patrol the streets of Christian enclaves and face their Muslim counterparts on the battlefronts of war-torn Lebanon.

The programme will cost around \$2.5 million this year to help the million or so of Lebanon's 3.4 million people who live in areas around Beirut controlled by the LF.

LF chieftain Samir Geagea said in a speech in June that the militia would not let economic hardship crush the people when the dangers and pressures of the 13-year-old civil war had failed.

Goraieb said the idea of giving social help came as the Lebanese pound plummeted last year, making imported food prohibitively expensive.

"The minimum monthly wage, which equalled \$36 in December 1985, was down to around \$16 late last year," Goraieb said. "To avoid social repercussions we took over tackling part of the problem."

About a third of the funds for the programme comes from donations. The LF pays the rest from

taxes it imposes, without authority from the barely functioning state, on businesses, restaurants, cinema tickets and other trade.

The LF takes a means test and inspectors check who needs help. Often hardest hit are middle-class families who struggle to maintain an image of respectability.

"Appearances can be misleading... people are selling their furniture and small parcels of land they own to make ends meet," said Goraieb.

The foundation can fund a range of needs from schoolbooks to open-heart surgery for those who pass wealth screening — and where the father is either working or has tried to find work.

A computer-printed list of 30,000 poor families is available from which wealthy Lebanese may select and sponsor one or more with up to \$100 each for a minimum of a year.

Goraieb said the fund did not discriminate against the tiny Muslim minority living in the Christian-run enclaves.

Donors in Lebanon, Africa and Europe are helping 2,500 families and the scheme is only now reaching potential beneficiaries in the United States.

Co-operating banks in areas abroad where Lebanese live handle donations free. The scheme mirrors the extensive aid given to Israel by Jews of the diaspora.

**Avoids** The LF bus service deliberately avoids routes used by state buses in Beirut but interconnects with them at city boundaries and links towns and villages to enable workers to reach jobs.

"We run along the (Mediterranean) coast every 20 minutes and we run on time," said system director Eddie Dumit. Up to mid-July, the system had carried 1.5 million passengers since it began in November 1987, he added.

The militia's social generosity does not, however, meet with universal approval.

"Look at this, I don't like having to pay this to them," said 23-year-old teacher Nada, pointing to a four per cent LF tax-stamp on a restaurant receipt.

"They are the richest people with the biggest cars and the best houses and chalets by the sea, while life is hard for the rest of us."

"There is no middle class here any more. Just rich and poor," Nada said.

## Rules rule Japan

By David Butts

TOKYO, (UPI): Miyako Arinaga arrived at her Tokyo Junior High School one day with a blue rubber band in her hair.

Her teacher, posted at the school gate to inspect the uniformed students as they entered, noticed the hair band and told Arinaga she was violating school rules which permit only black hair bands.

For her punishment, Arinaga was made to sit in the dirt by the gate as all her fellow students filed by.

Arinaga was a victim — or beneficiary, depending on how one views it — of a resurgence in strict dress code in Japanese schools.

The dress codes, which vary from school to school, dictate everything from the colour of students' underwear — white only — to the number of eyelets in their tennis shoes — 12.

The codes are enforced with an obvious disregard for student rights, one that would impress any American teacher who has been forced to go easy on students for fear of bringing on a lawsuit.

But the dress codes are raising new questions in Japan over how beneficial it is to force conformity on all students.

**Admire** US educators, who argue that the student rights movement went too far, might admire the Japanese system.

The lack of strict rules in American schools has deprived kids of discipline, says Gerald Grant, a professor of education at Syracuse University.

In his recent book, "The World we created at Hamilton High 1953-1987," Grant says in America, when a teacher corrects a student, the student reacts by threatening to sue the teacher.

The majority of Japanese educators say the strict rules help train students to be team players

who rarely question orders and become the type of workers who have built Japan's economic dominance.

But Japanese critics of the system say it is brutal in its effort to force every student into the same mold, and students who do not fit in can be seriously affected.

Four years ago a junior high school student committed suicide when his school mates continued to taunt him for breaking the dress code.

"This education system has been very effective in terms of supporting Japan's rapid economic expansion, but it has ruined some students along the way," said Keiko Okuchi, the principal of a small private school that takes in the student misfits.

**Concern** But most Japanese teachers seem to show less concern for the few students who may be hurt than they do for the many students who may benefit from learning to conform.

"In Japan we think everyone should do everything the same," said Yosio Horita, a junior high school vice-principal in Obihiro, a small city in northern Japan.

"We want our children to wear the same clothes, hairstyle and even glasses," he said. "Then the only way they will stand out is if they excel in academics."

"Rulers help educate the students," said Eiji Amano, principal of a junior high school in a Tokyo suburb. He still supports strict rules even after five students, scolded for wearing baggy pants, beat one of the school's teachers with metal baseball bats.

**Conform**

"Students have to follow rules in society and the schools are just establishing the minimum rules needed to function in society," Amano said.

Educators agree the rules are effective in forcing students to conform, but they disagree on the value of conformity.

## Chilling allegation of cold-blooded execution

By Robert MacKay

LONDON, (UPI): A British SAS commando, the witness said, stood over the unarmed IRA man he had just wounded, placed a foot firmly on his chest and fired two or three more bullets into his head and neck.

Seconds earlier, the story goes, the plain-clothed commando told screaming children nearby — as he levelled his pistol at the wounded man for the coup de grace — "this is all right. It's the police."

This chilling allegation of a cold-blooded execution by one of Britain's finest is made by a witness to the shooting. Repercussions of that and similar accusations are still being felt in the British government.

The slain man was Sean Savage, one of three Irish Republican Army members shot and killed in Gibraltar March 6 by British elite anti-terrorist force, the Special Air Service.

**Killing** The IRA admitted the three were planning a major bomb attack on Gibraltar, Britain's vital military outpost at the entrance of the Mediterranean.

What at first seemed to be a stunning military success in preventing a horrific terrorist attack soon soured, and to this day remains a point of intense debate.

Savage's killing was described by a witness — who asked to remain anonymous — in a Thames Television programme

titled "Death on the Rock" and in a legal affidavit.

Another anonymous witness on the same programme said the SAS commando first shot Savage in the back, without warning, as he ran down a Gibraltar street.

Other witnesses told Thames and later the British Broadcasting Corp's TV programme "Spotlight" that the SAS opened fire on the other two unarmed IRA members without challenging them and while their arms were raised in surrender.

The accusations caused a political uproar, raising anew long-standing allegations that the British Army has a secret "shoot-to-kill" policy toward Irish nationalist guerrillas.

For more than a decade, police and soldiers in Northern Ireland occasionally have been accused — mostly by IRA sympathizers but also by some Protestants — of shooting IRA members without making any attempt at arrest.

The IRA, a guerrilla group of Roman Catholics, is fighting to oust the British from the predominantly Protestant province of Northern Ireland to unite it with the mostly Catholic Irish Republic in the south.

Allegations that the SAS opened fire without warning in Gibraltar stirred up fiery emotions.

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# Wife of Democrat presidential nominee has forthright opinions of her own

## Kitty Dukakis: she's no push-over

By Arthur Spiegelman

ATLANTA: The role of an adoring political wife, who gazes admiringly at her husband — a technique mastered by Nancy Reagan — has not come easily to Katherine "Kitty" Dukakis.

If anything, it is Michael Dukakis who gazes admiringly at his wife, listening intently as she speaks.

Lively and forthright, Kitty Dukakis is more comfortable working to find jobs and places to live for the homeless, supporting the arts, easing the plight of Soviet Jews and Kampuchean refugees and leading a fight for drug education.

She says that if her husband is elected president, one thing she will ask for is an appointment to the US Holocaust Memorial Council, a job she lost when Reagan came to power.

Aides say the Democratic presidential nominee brightens up when she is on the campaign trail with him and even gives better speeches — a decided plus for a man whose dull platform manner is a major campaign handicap.

Married for 25 years, the Massachusetts governor still refers to Kitty as "my bride" and she tells reporters: "He's a great man."

Dukakis tells campaign crowds that Kitty will never stand behind him telling him what to do if he becomes president.

"She'll be standing right up here next to me, telling you what she thinks," he says.

During an appearance with his wife during the convention, he added a joke — saying that of course he will be the one to make the decisions. Kitty looked at him with a big smile and said: "Yes, dear."

They are an odd couple, emotional opposites but clearly devoted to each other.

He is cool and reserved. She is fiery and outspoken. He is Greek orthodox. She is Jewish. He is frugal. She spends — and after years of arguments they now have both separate and joint bank accounts.

The story is told that she hammered away at him for years to buy an air-conditioner for their bedroom and he finally relented. But when a friend asked how it was working, she said: "I don't know. Michael won't let me turn it on."

Kitty Dukakis, 51, says if the couple end up in the White House, she will keep her opinions and her own agenda. She admires Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of president Franklin Roosevelt.

**Comfortable**  
"I recognise that Michael is the elected and political leader," she said in an interview in Boston last week.  
"I'm comfortable with that."



Michael and Kitty Dukakis sing together at the Democratic convention last month. If her husband is elected, Mrs Dukakis will become the United States' first Jewish first lady.

But that doesn't demean me or what my position has been or may be in the future."

She said she would not expect to walk into the president's Oval office whenever she pleased, but added: "I'd be able to see my husband when it's important for me to see him."

She has worked long and hard on her issues, ranging from saving park land to the resettling of Kampuchean refugees.

She likes fashionable clothes and rarely cooks. Her husband is more of a homebody. He still mows his own lawn.

A slim brunette, she loves to shop and then hide more

extravagant purchases from her husband.

Last year she disclosed that she had been addicted to amphetamine pills for 26 years before she quit in 1982.

The couple say Michael did not know of his wife's addiction for many years because "pills are easy to hide."

She recovered from her habit after spending a month in a Minnesota clinic and says: "I would have done it had Michael been a candidate for president or not."

She says that as first lady she would continue to fight drug abuse — a cause Nancy Reagan has also pursued — convinced her experience will help others beat addictions.

If her husband is elected, Mrs Dukakis will become the United States' first Jewish First Lady. She says she would like to hold a seder, the ritual meal marking the Passover holiday, in the White House.

She will also press efforts, as she has for seven years now, to help Kampuchean and other Third World refugees.

**Pilgrimage**  
She has testified before Congress twice about the Kampuchean plight, has twice led delegations visiting refugee camps in Thailand and has helped to reunite hundreds of families there.

Like her husband, Kitty Dukakis grew up in Brookline, a Boston suburb where they still live with their three children — 30-year-old son John, by her first marriage, and daughters Kara, 19, and Andrea, 22.

She is the daughter of Harry Ellis Dickson, retired associate director of the Boston Pops orchestra. Musicians and celebrities were frequent guests and Kitty was named for actress Kitty Carlisle Hart, a friend of her mother's.

She attended Pennsylvania State University but quit after two years to marry John Chafetz, now a Colorado businessman.

They were divorced when their son was three. She met Dukakis soon afterwards and married him two years later.

By Richard Lay

SHE was the original poor little rich girl. But she was resilient. She generally got what she wanted and enjoyed her fame, her wealth and the classic good looks she has retained at 64.

But last week Gloria Vanderbilt, who inherited her first four million dollars at two years old, was under sedation, shattered, her world destroyed.

She had just seen her son break free from her despairing grasp and throw himself out the window of her 14th floor New York apartment, crashing to his death on the graffiti-strewn sidewalk below.

Once again a child of a famous moneyed dynasty has found it impossible to live with his good fortune.

Great wealth, which many believe is a blessing, can so often be a curse.

Carter Cooper, 23-year-old son of the happiest of his mother's four marriages, stood to inherit much of the wealth of one of America's richest women.

But the one thing his mother couldn't give him was the one thing he probably needed most — her supreme ability to cope with vast wealth and the trappings of privilege and notoriety which go with it.

She was born as heiress to the Vanderbilt railway billions.

By the time she was ten she was able to lie to a judge in America's most sensational court case to prevent being placed in her mother's custody.

She married at 17 to escape the clutches of an over-possessive aunt; and four years later ran off to Mexico to marry composer Leopold Stokowski — 41 years her senior.

### Terrified

After another marriage — to movie director Sydney Lumet — she entered into the 16-year love match with writer Wyatt Cooper — father of Carter.

Wyatt died during heart surgery in 1978, leaving 13-year-old Carter and his younger brother, Anderson, alone to cope with their mother's world — the world she had always inhabited, one of beautiful people, champagne and great expectations.

Asked by writer John Mortimer if she ever saw poor people, she replied that an old woman had once opened the door of her aunt's Rolls and

## Tragedy strikes poor little rich girl

Gloria Vanderbilt, American heiress, who inherited her first \$4 million at age two sees her 23-year-old son jump to his death from a window of her 14th floor New York apartment, unable to cope with his vast fortune.



Carter Cooper (left) with his glamorous mother Gloria Vanderbilt.

tried to sell them apples.

"She wanted us to do something for her," said Gloria, adding that the experience left her "terrified."

But her son was a different person. A handsome boy, he had only a walk-on role in her extravagant life, like an extra in Scott Fitzgerald novel.

He rarely saw his mother before noon and his father kept writer's habits, locking himself away for days on end.

The death of his father hit Carter hard. He enjoyed the days out in Central Park for hot dogs and baseball games, eons away from his mother's beau monde.

Bright, but always brooding, he went to the exclusive Dalton School, and after graduating in 1983 he entered the Ivy League college, Princeton.

Ever the High Society hostess Gloria threw a lavish all-night party — to which Carter

escorted Pretty Baby star Brooke Shields — when he graduated from High School.

But the occasion left him deeply embarrassed by society columnists' attention suddenly focussed on him.

He left Princeton last year and was looking for a job in journalism. With his connections he could have become a trainee anywhere he chose.

But he was determined not to cash in on his mother's fame. When he died he was still looking for the break he needed to assert himself as Carter Cooper, not Gloria Vanderbilt's son.

The pressure of his lack of success led to hospital treatment for depression and a friend who saw him at a recent party said last night: "He looked under terrible strain."

Although friends described Gloria's relationship with Carter as "close," he chose to live alone in a flat in New York's smart Beekman Place.

But he was always on call — in his sober, dark suits — when Gloria asked him to meet her friends on the cocktail circuit.

His mother — who added millions of dollars to her bank balance in recent years by lending her name to designer jeans — was publicly always affectionate towards her son.

### Friends

Last Christmas all her many friends received a card showing a picture of Gloria and "the boys."

No one yet knows why Carter Cooper killed himself so horribly — shrugging off his desperate mother's clutches, ignoring her cries not to jump and plunging into the courtyard at 10 Grace Square.

His cousin, Whitney Tower, said: "He was a charming, wonderful gentleman. I had no inkling he was unhappy in any way."

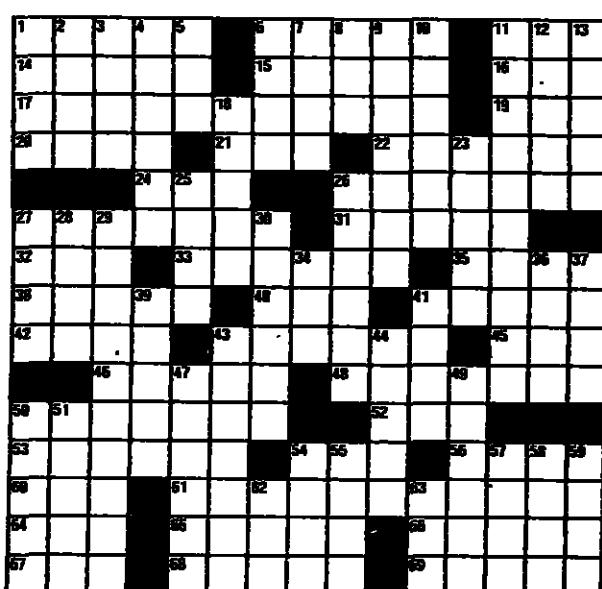
So why did the great-great-grandson of railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt kill himself?

Drugs are often the cause of grief for Manhattan's rich and famous, but the quiet-living model son Carter did not run with a fast crowd.

His last words were spoken to his mother, seconds before he leapt to his death. Only she knows what these were.

Why did Carter die? It is a question only a mother can answer.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Scriptures
  - Billard shot
  - Titled man, in La Mait
  - Like a little fly
  - Certain news item — "or short"
  - "Three Men — Horse"
  - Oaters
  - Lesage hero — Bias
  - Pique
  - Comedian Skehon
  - Lady's fancy headcovering
  - Actress Marie Saint
  - Bahrain, for example: Var
  - Church books
  - Cousin of a civet
  - Debtor's note
  - More closefisted
  - Healing sign
  - Gardner namesakes
  - Play on words
  - The wild blue yonder
  - Spotted
  - Marked by coarseness
  - Historic time
  - Decrease gradually
  - Fireplace accessory
  - Plots of land
  - Flounder
  - An explosive
  - Fr. holy woman
  - Director Kazan
  - Louis XV, e.g.
  - Former postal system
  - Shore bird
- DOWN**
- Prabang, town in N. Laos
  - River in N. France
  - Molines
  - Follower
  - Linguini
  - Exclamations of disgust
  - Household appliance
  - Soprano Lucrezia
  - Pay attention
  - Commune in the Netherlands
  - Brood
  - Not up
  - Title for Gaelic
  - Hesitation of a sort
  - Excuse for not appearing in an English court
  - Community pursuer of poodles
  - Christian of the East
  - The Rock of Gibraltar, of old
  - Fanon
  - Seaport in Brittany
  - Citburn et al.
  - List of things to be done
  - Goes rapidly
  - Time long past
  - Borax carriers
  - Flavors
  - Classic by Capek

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

OPEN UP NEW VISTAS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 8 6 5  
 ♥ Q J  
 ♦ A K Q J 3  
 ♣ A 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ 9 7 2  
 ♦ 9 6 5 4  
 ♣ 10 8 7 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 9 4 2  
 ♥ 8 6 5 4  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ Q J 9

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q 10 7  
 ♥ A K 10 3  
 ♦ 8 2  
 ♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

South West North East  
 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass  
 7 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Options are not just something traded on stock exchanges, even though bridge players have dabbled in them very successfully. They also are choices that can sometimes be given to declarer or a defender to lure him into adopting a losing line of play.

While we appreciate the fact that North's doubtonets made the idea of a suit contract attractive (there could be only 12 tricks in no trump while a spade contract, with the help of a ruff, could produce 13), we favor a no trump grand slam, because the reverse might be true — seven spades could be beaten on an evil trump break when there are 13 tricks off the top at no trump. Once the 4-4 fit was located, North's jump to five no trump was the grand

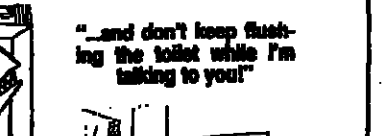
slam force, asking for two of the three top honors.

West led his fourth-best club and, had everyone played normally, declarer would have coasted home. After winning the king of clubs, declarer would cash the ace of spades. A spade to the king would have revealed the position, and a finesse for the jack would have allowed declarer to claim his grand slam.

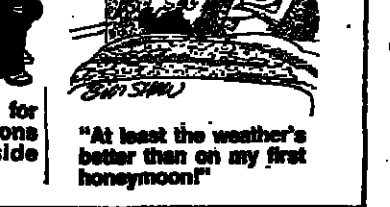
Unfortunately for South, when he cashed the ace of trumps, East dropped the nine. If that were an honest card, it meant that East held either a singleton, in which case West held four to the jack and the suit could be brought in with a finesse, or else the jack would drop on the next round. So at trick three declarer continued with the queen of spades, and East had a sure trump trick. Down one!



"You must come round to us one evening — when there's nothing much on telly."



"...and don't keep thinking the toilet while I'm talking to you!"

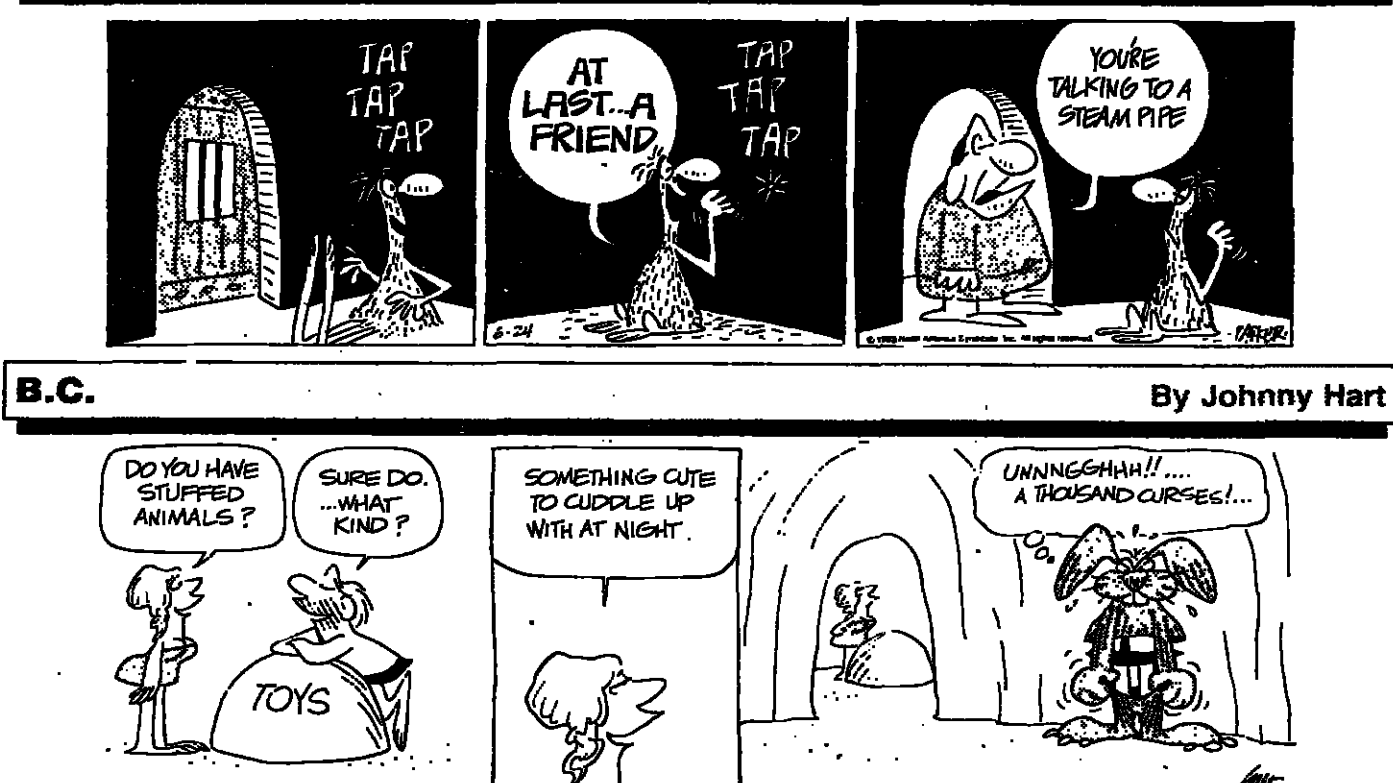


"I only keep him for sentimental reasons — the wife's inside him."

"At least the weather's better than on my first honeymoon!"

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
 This is a good day on which to make a few changes you have been contemplating. You should not try to use force where normal methods have failed. You will be more inventive but you must not toy with electricity. Be pliable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
 You should keep your objectives more precisely in mind. You will be a little more vulnerable and should try to avoid exposing yourself. Beware of doing anything too controversial just now. Be helpful.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
 You will be better able to deal with a problem that has so far defied solution. Try not to become involved in something that does not really concern you. Spend a little more time with your family. Be generous.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**  
 You should do all you can to prevent and then to avoid confusion. You should stick strictly to what is practicable and attainable. Do not allow your prejudices to cloud your judgement. Be observant.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
 You will be better able to deal with the situation you find yourself in. However you must not allow some secondary matter to intrude upon the scene. You should avoid promising something you have doubts about. Be less insistent.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
 You must be on your guard against someone who promises what you suspect he cannot deliver. You will have some personal success but you must not let it go to your head.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
 You will tend to be rather too impulsive and should try to restrain yourself. You should have a little more faith in yourself. You should not be too quick to trust someone you do not know very well. Be adaptable.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
 You will have a lot to do and you must make sure you do not allow anything to slip your mind: keep notes. It would do you good to take a little more regular and none too energetic exercise.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
 You should try to avoid putting on weight rather than doing so and then having rigorously to slim. You should not allow some secondary matter to be blown out of proportion.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
 You will have to learn to live with an unpleasant fact which cannot be changed. You should not try to evade your responsibilities. You should beware of trying to do too many things all at once. Be more lenient.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
 The prospects are good but you must make sure you do not stand in your own light. Your expenses are liable to exceed your income so do all you can to restrain yourself.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

YES ALMS ELUDE  
 CART REAP RIPER  
 ACRO INGA ADORE  
 THOMAS AEDISON  
 STREET FINE  
 SADA ARECAS  
 ALAMO IRAN FETA  
 JOSEPH PRIESTLEY  
 ADIE ASAD ESTES  
 RESENT SAIL  
 EEE SWEARS  
 CHARLES DARWIN  
 SPOOR ENTO NATE  
 PADRE NOON IRAE  
 AMEND ALPE EDS



# Where stars congregate

By Ivor Davis

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.: It is an average day at the Beverly Hills Hotel (aka The Pink Palace). In a rear booth in the Polo Lounge, Joan Collins sips champagne with her lawyer Marvin Mitchellson. In another corner Tom Selleck explains to a show-business writer why this will be his last season on "Magnum, P.I." And across the room Lew Wasserman, head of Universal Studios, lunches with his wife.

Outside, Vogue magazine is shooting a bikini layout at the hotel pool with Brigitte Nielsen. Giorgio perfumes films a commercial from the hotel roof. And Yoko Ono is doing her best not to be noticed in a poolside cabana.

Marvin Davis, the Denver oil tycoon on whose lifestyle it is said "Dynasty" is based, bought the hotel in 1986 for \$135 million, then sold it for a reported \$200 million in October to the oil-rich Sultan of Brunei. It will cost the Sultan, listed by Fortune Magazine as the world's richest man, \$40 million to renovate the hotel, which is celebrating its 75th birthday.

Built at a cost of \$500,000 in the days when Beverly Hills was a hamlet of 550 people surrounded by lima-bean fields, the hotel has as many ghosts as the Tower of London and, as spirits go, no one has a higher standard of living.

The hotel, which once ran like a private club for "our kind of people only" (you needed a reference or a studio connection to rent the meager room), is changing its image. Now there are rate sheets and brochures. It is rumored that the businesslike Sultan intends to throw open the doors of the once sacrosanct and elite institution, turning it into a luxury hotel to compete with the world's finest.

The hotel has 200 rooms and 41 suites, but the 21 bungalows amid the 16 acres of landscaped, palm-tree-lined grounds are the centre of attention. They have been home to Clark Gable and Carole Lombard; Charles Chaplin; W.C. Fields; John Barrymore; Errol Flynn; Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton (and her other husbands as well except Nicky Hilton who was expected to stay in the family's hotel); Aristotle Onassis with Jackie Kennedy; The Beatles; Marilyn Monroe with a succession of suitors and husbands including Arthur Miller, Yves Montand, John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Joe DiMaggio.

Billionaire Norton Simon lived in Bungalow 2 for a year while he waited to marry Jennifer Jones. Howard Hughes rented four bungalows — one to live in, one for his wife Jean Peters and two to act as decoys.

'We were the last pit stop on the way home for such guys as Bogie and Sinatra and Dean Martin,' says Pappas. 'They would come in late, call for a couple bottles — those guys liked to pour their own — and we would rope off the area so they could drink undisturbed.'



Prince Albert of Monaco with his family at the 75-year-old Beverly Hills Hotel.

It was in Bungalow 4, when the lights went out between 3 and 5 in the morning, that he ordered his aides to bring lights from a movie studio and shine them through his windows so he could work.

Bungalow 5 rang to the ritual sounds of Taylor and Burton's mating and breaking calls. But Taylor was a favourite because her father ran the art shop in the hotel lobby in the '40s.

Bungalow 14 was where Leslie Caron holed up with Warren Beatty for weeks and gave the kiss of death to her marriage to Peter Hall. Montand smashed down Monroe's door in Bungalow 1 in a fit of passion while his wife Simone Signoret was home in Paris.

In Bungalow 11 John Lennon and Yoko Ono holed up for a week without leaving. Marlene Dietrich demanded the cottage be redecorated with, among other things, a 7-foot-by-8-foot bed. Eleven now has a quiet Oriental decor and is much beloved by Liza Minnelli.

Bungalow 9 is the most expensive of all and is enjoyed by Perry Como and Saudi tycoon Adnan Khushoggi. It

was here also that Prince Philip amused the hotel by picking all the oranges outside his front door.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor preferred Bungalow 2, where every night they ordered three sirloin steaks mixed with carrots and peas for their three dogs.

The walls do not need to speak at the Beverly Hills Hotel, enough old timers are around to do the talking for them.

Nick Pappas has been here for more than 30 years. Now an assistant manager, he was a night clerk in the '50s on the midnight-to-7 a.m. shift, the witching hours when inhibitions are down and libidos up.

Pappas encountered Hughes on his first day at work in 1955. He saw a man in scruffy jeans, with his shirttails hanging out and a hearing-aid wire hanging from his ear, prowling the parking lot.

'I called security and told them there was a bum checking out the cars and they had better send somebody. That's no bum,' they told me, 'that's

Howard Hughes and around here he is God.'

The Hughes years were fun when the billionaire was a playboy, says Pappas. But that was before he began showing signs of paranoia. 'That was when the food-tasters came in and (he wore) disguises and we weren't allowed to clean his rooms,' he says.

Hotel staffers often performed services above and beyond the call of duty. One bellboy had a standing order regarding Monroe, whose addiction to sleeping pills was well known.

'I was told to open her door with a passkey every morning, shake her hard, then leave after she had her feet on the floor,' recalls the veteran bellboy.

## Media

It was hotel personnel who held off the media for a week when Frank Sinatra, or someone in his Rai Pack, laid out the president of a corporation who had apparently directed a racial slur at Sinatra's companion for the evening singer/actress Dorothy Dandridge. The man was in a coma for three days, but the official comment from the hotel was "the punch came out of nowhere — it happened so quickly nobody saw who did it."

Happily for the hotel and Sinatra the man recovered. 'We were the last pit stop on the way home for such guys as Bogie and Sinatra and Dean Martin,' says Pappas. 'They would come in late, call for a couple bottles of scotch — those guys liked to pour their own — and we would rope off the area so they could drink undisturbed.'

Taylor and Burton, during their drinking days, had a standing order with room service: two bottles of vodka with the breakfast tray — and two more bottles with lunch.

When Faye Dunaway won her Oscar for "Network" in 1976 she spent three days celebrating with friends, ordering \$150 bottles of champagne. When she left maids rounded up 30 empty bottles on the floor, under the bed, in the bath and on the lawn.

The aim of the hotel has always been to be a home away from home for the rich and famous. It is a tolerant environment allowing them to live as they please with their foibles and idiosyncrasies intact. Only occasionally have they found it necessary to impose limits.

No long ago guests complained to the management about an English pop star whose freakish-looking acolytes appeared to have taken over the lobby. 'We don't know what they are,' a guest complained, 'man, woman or beast.'

Finally, an embarrassed manager asked David Bowie if he would tell his friends to keep a low profile.

# Reynolds is back — from the brink

Former Hollywood No. 1 Burt Reynolds had his ego and his career shattered by rumours about his health. Now, fitter and happier than ever, he is back on screen .... and heading for the top again.

By Alex Molloy

MACHO movie star Burt Reynolds is finally battling his way back to being one of Tinseltown's No. 1 stars.

But it's not proving easy .... In the past five years, Burt's reputation of being one of Hollywood's most accomplished actors and lovers — he has dated beauties such as Farrah Fawcett, Lauren Hutton, Sally Field and Leslie Anne Down — has fallen flat.

The Hollywood that once fawned over him, flattered him and clamoured to shake his hand, sent him into the wilderness and branded him a closet homosexual and a has-been. He even had to endure rumours that he was seriously ill with the killer disease AIDS.

But now Tinseltown is giving its fallen idol a second chance in the \$20 million film, *Switching Channels*, which co-stars actors Christopher Reeve and Kathleen Turner.

Burt, 51, was offered the part when superstar Michael Caine pulled out at the last minute but if the movie flops, like Burt's most recent efforts, he could well be Hollywood history.

Burt's problems began when he was struck down with a series of painful illnesses and injuries.

He suffers from hypoglycaemia, a condition caused by low blood sugar level, but causes violent changes of mood. One American reporter revealed: 'I interviewed him and he became increasingly hostile, almost like Jekyll and Hyde. I left quickly because I felt he might have hit me.'

Director Dick Richards wasn't so lucky. At present he is suing Reynolds for more than \$16 million.

## Claims

Dick claims that Burt hit him on the set of the movie, *Heat*, in Las Vegas in 1986, knocking him unconscious.

But Burt's most long-standing problem began in 1983 when he started to suffer from a painful and difficult to treat jaw problem.

He revealed: 'At times I could not eat for days and my weight plummeted. The pain was like someone sticking pins in my eyes.'

Being so tall and well built, Burt's dramatic weight loss soon brought vicious speculation about what was really making him so ill. Hollywood was in the grip of AIDS hysteria and with two movies flops behind him was a prime target for Tinseltown's gossip-mongers.

Burt recalls: 'I tried not to go crazy or run all over the place striking out at shadows, because shadows were what I was fighting.'

'What I wanted above all else was to retain my sense of dignity and my sense of humour.'

He says that the people who helped him through such a difficult period were his parents and his long time live-in-lover, actress Lonnie Anderson.

He reveals: 'My father would not give it a second of his time. So therefore it became so unimportant in the way that he treated it, that it became unimportant to me too.'

'When everyone around you is saying "this is awful, this is terrible" it becomes very tough to deal with. The normal instinct is to run for cover and that is what a lot of my so called friends did, like rats deserting a sinking ship.'

'I was angry at what was being said, but then you have to look at whom you are directing your anger.'

## Angry

'If you are angry at an act that is biting your toe, that becomes amusing. If you are angry at an elephant that is about to run you over, you had best get out of its path. You can always comeback by another route.'

Blond Lonnie stood by Burt through it all. It is to her he now knows he owes his career and reputation.

Burt says: 'She never allowed me to hear what was being said because then I would have become truly angry. I would probably have gone berserk.'

'She had some horrendous things happen to her. Her manicurist and hairdresser would not look after her anymore. And Lonnie did not even lose her temper, she just said, "That's your loss" and found another place.'

'When I was not acting I tried to learn something new all the time. I run a small theatre on Florida and teach drama to 20 students.'

'I learned how to be patient and I even created my own TV show. The biggest thing I learned was that I was much stronger than I thought. Another thing that helped me was the attitude of my students.'

'Because I kept on taking them in class, I had not realised how much they knew until one of them talked at an awards ceremony about the example I was to them by being able to hold my head up despite what



Burt Reynolds

people said."

One of the most hurtful experiences of Burt's life came when his ex-lover and one-time good friend, actress Sally Field, was interviewed by Playboy.

In the interview, Oscar-winner Sally said that Burt was so dominant, her identity ceased to exist and she became an extension of him.

Burt was flabbergasted and says: 'I don't remember tying her up and saying, "If you do not do this or that, I will set your hair on fire."

'The headline said that I begged her to marry me, and that is just not true. I am good at some things, but begging is not one of them.'

'At one time I might have married her, but I didn't. I was surprised, shocked and upset by her comments. She didn't even deny I had AIDS. Afterwards she sent me a note saying that she was flippant in the interview. I don't know how many readers Playboy has, but I am the only person who read that note, so it doesn't really balance out.'

'Lonnie is the first woman that Burt has lived with since his marriage to funny girl Judy Cahn broke up in the 1960s.'

He has given her a huge diamond ring, but they are still being very cagey about taking the leap into marriage. Lonnie has two failed marriages behind her to Burt's one.

Burt admits: 'The thing that I love about Lonnie most of all is her sense of humour.'

'She laughs at me and I like that. When I am with her I am happy. I am the first person to say that I can be moody when I am feeling down, I get quiet and withdrawn. When I am in a good mood everyone knows it.'

'I like to be silly, funny, have a good time. Lonnie knows just

how to deal with my swings of mood.'

'I do like women, many men don't. It is not the physical things that turn me on. It's that subtle touch, the way a woman puts her hand on a man's arm.'

'I've been in love three times. But I am convinced you only have one great love in your life. I am no longer the swinging bachelor who stepped out of the centrefold and into the bedroom.'

'In the past I did not let myself be exposed to new writers or risky roles. Now I feel I am better at my craft. I never expected to be number one in the world. I just wanted to be a working actor. When it happened, I was thrilled, but I always thought it would end soon.'

'Now I don't know what to expect. I may never get back to No. 1, but I'll be back in the top ten.'

'I've done a lot of soul-searching over the past few years and I have come to the conclusion that I do not have a lot of close friends. But I have no intention of abandoning the ones that I do have.'

'I've always "stuck" by my friends in a crisis, much to the harm of my career and my image.'

'It became so bad that I would not go to parties if there were more than ten people there. I could not stand the strain.'

'When things go wrong, you go for the laughs in your life, because that's the only thing they can't take away from you, and yet they still go on trying.'

Whichever way it goes, at least Burt Reynolds, one time mega star, now has the strength to hold his head up high. These days he doesn't give a damn what they say.

## A Hollywood blockbuster with no plot and no stars

# Powaqqatsi: the movie with a difference

By Jilly Weber

IT is the film with no plot, no dialogue or even any narration. It also has one of the unluckiest names ever.

Yet it is the brain child of two of the powerful movie-makers in Hollywood ... and is set to be a hit.

Powaqqatsi, presented by Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas, of Star Wars fame, explores the natives of the Third World including Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America.

It focuses on how natives express themselves through work and traditions. There are

no special effects. No daredevil stunts and no stars. All the

actors are real natives. Director Godfrey Reggio



A crowd of factory workers in Calcutta, India, in a scene from Powaqqatsi.

spent a year developing the script and the film took six months to shoot in 12 different Third World countries.

The movie explores the contrasting lifestyles in the world today and how the growth of large cities through technology has a bad effect on small scale countries.

Godfrey Reggio says: 'Powaqqatsi is not a film about what should or shouldn't be. It is an expression, an examination of how life is changing.'

'There is good and bad. What I sought to capture is our unanimity as a global culture. It was fascinating to blend the different existence together in one film.'

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: How can I help myself from embarrassment of losing my B.M.? It already has happened on a number of occasions, and the fear that it will happen again has kept me a prisoner in my own house. Please help.

ANSWER: This condition, known as fecal incontinence, can indeed be quite embarrassing, especially in social situations. However, there is a lot that can be done to treat this problem and, sometimes, to even correct it. First, it is extremely important that you report your condition to your physician, who will obtain a thorough medical history and perform an examination of your rectum. Your physician also may evaluate other medical components, including neurological testing, in order to make a careful diagnosis and prescribe an appropriate treatment plan.

A simple and effective non-surgical technique, known as biofeedback, may be one

way to help you overcome this problem. Through the biofeedback programme, patients are taught to control their anal muscle contractions and to then synchronize these contractions with the muscles that control their bowel movements. These muscle responses are monitored through a device composed of three air-filled balloons, inserted into the rectum, which are attached to a recording apparatus that visually displays the muscular responses. Patients can monitor their muscle responses by watching the recording apparatus. This programme continues until patients learn to effectively control their incontinence. Success has been achieved in more than 70 per cent of patients who have used biofeedback.

If biofeedback is ineffective, there are certain drugs which also have proved effective in treating fecal incontinence, especially to control diarrhea. Drug therapy can be extremely effective and can break the chains

that now are confining you to your own home.

ACROSS MY DESK: There was hopeful news for patients afflicted with ulcerative colitis in the report of Dr Lloyd R. Sutherland, of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, presented at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. By applying 4 grams of 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) in a nightly enema to 76 patients over a six-week period, he noted significant improvement in the sigmoidoscopic appearance of the ulcerative colitis in 46 patients. The patients also noted less frequent stools, rectal bleeding and mucous production. Of further interest was the willingness of the patients to self-administer these enemas because the medication was so effective in reducing their symptoms.

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Hollywood hunk Burt Reynolds with good friend Goldie Hawn.



Reynolds with live-in girlfriend Lonnie Anderson.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japanese, S. Korean firms looking for a flood of orders

## Peace prospect holds promise for Asian firms

TOKYO, Aug. 1. (Reuters): Japanese and South Korean companies are looking for a flood of orders when Iran and Iraq start to rebuild their war-damaged economies.

Aggressive Korean competitors could take the lion's share of business promised by the prospect of an end to the Gulf war from the more cautious Japanese, some industry analysts said.

### Effort

"Japan can expect to get about 10 to 20 per cent of the business. But it won't be like in the past when Japan had over half," said Kiyotake Tanji of Japan's Institute of Middle East Economics. "South Koreans are making a

strong effort, and there will also be approaches from European countries," Tanji said.

The economist estimated engineering and construction companies could expect demand for new projects worth \$30.2 billion from Iran and \$103.2 billion from Iraq.

Tanji put orders to repair war-crippled industrial plant at \$38.3 billion for Iran and 16.3 billion for Iraq.

In Japan, major trading houses were expected to take the lead in arranging contracts for repairs to damaged plants and construction of new facilities, industry analysts said.

"Most of the contracts Japanese construction firms got before

the war went through trading companies," said analyst Daniel Nielsen at SBCI Securities (Asia).

### Contracts

"Trading companies will be first to return to the market, and then if they get big contracts, contractors will reopen offices." Trading houses, several of which are owed large sums by Baghdad, are also keen to take part in new projects in hopes of both making good on old investments and generating new profits, one Japanese trader said.

A trickle of new deals is emerging already but Japanese firms said they were keen to minimise risks.

They cited concern over the source of funding for new projects and caution borne of earlier losses in the region.

Mitsui is still seeking to withdraw from the stalled \$3.5 billion Iran-Japan petrochemical project at Bandar Khomeini, oil industry sources said.

### Project

Japanese engineers abandoned the near completed project in 1984 after some were injured in Iraqi air attacks.

"There is some anxiety over financing," said a spokesman for the Japan Federation of construction contractors.

"If there is ODA (Official Development Aid) or some other

form of economic assistance, Japanese companies will express interest, but we don't know yet about that aid. We will be cautious in view of past losses."

South Korean builders, heavily reliant on the Middle East market and who kept offices open and contract workers in place in the two countries during the nearly eight-year old war, are likely to be more aggressive than their Japanese counterparts.

### Potential

A small domestic market and potential excess capacity as Olympic Games projects end will also spur South Korean efforts, analysts said.

"Korean construction companies have been sounding out

China and potential markets as their annual receipts of new orders recently dwindled and the news of peace talks between Iran and Iraq was like an oasis in a desert," an official of the Overseas Construction Association of Korea said.

Taiwan contractors said they would also be interested in exploiting business opportunities in Iran and Iraq, but this would depend on whether the two countries dropped hostility to Taipei. Neither recognises Taiwan's nationalist government.

Once the economies are rebuilt, Japanese and Korean firms also hope to sell the two countries consumer goods to satisfy long-suppressed demand.

## Sony plans to produce semiconductor chips in Thailand

TOKYO, Aug. 1. (AP): Sony Corp., a leading Japanese electronics maker, plans to build a semiconductor plant in Thailand and has applied to the Thai government for permission, a company official said yesterday.

The Sony official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to provide any additional information.

However, the leading economic newspaper Nihon Keizai Shimbun said the plant would be Sony's first overseas semiconductor production facility.

It said Sony plans to begin chip production next spring in borrowed space at a plant in Thailand owned by advanced Micro-devices Inc. of the United States.

The newspaper, quoting unidentified industry sources, said Sony initially would produce up to 3 million bipolar chips per month for use in compact disc players, and would increase capacity to 10 million units in the future.

At a later stage, Sony will build its own semiconductor plant in the suburbs of Bangkok, the newspaper said.

It said Sony's total investment would exceed 20 billion yen (\$150 million).

## BP hopes for major oil find in risk area

LONDON, Aug. 1. BP is midway through a \$10 million programme to drill the deepest offshore well it has ever attempted. Work is going on in the Porcupine Basin, 250 miles out in the Atlantic west of Ireland in 921 metres of water, according to The Times.

The venture is seen by many as high risk.

However, if the well is successful it could give Ireland its first major offshore oilfield and give BP a geological lead in knowing more precisely what the complex reservoirs in the Porcupine Basin area contain.

Dr Bryan Lovell, general manager of BP Ireland, has argued for some time that the Porcupine Basin could contain one of the last big undiscovered oilfields in the world.

He is aware that any find has to be major, otherwise there would be no economic justification for attempting to extract the oil from such a hazardous area.

And BP is determined that any lesson it learns from the venture will be closely guarded.

For that reason, it is making the well an extremely "tight hole" oil industry jargon for one on which no details are being released.

Several wells have been drilled in the Porcupine Basin, but not in this deep water sector, and BP has already discovered a 2 million barrel oilfield to the north in the Basin.

However, the underground reservoir is so badly faulted that economic production from it has been ruled out.

## Energy consumption up

TOKYO, Aug. 1. (OPECNA): Japan's energy consumption rose by 5.2 per cent to 295 million kilolitres in fiscal year 1987-88.

This is the first time Japanese energy intake has jumped by more than five per cent since 1973, says a report by the Centre for Energy Economic Studies.

Demand for crude oil rose by 4.8 per cent last year, contrary to government forecasts, the report said, attributing the rise to a slowdown in conservation measures.

The study forecast a further rise in demand for energy — and crude oil in particular — this year.

## Plan to squeeze exiles

## Tax change for UK residents abroad

LONDON, Aug. 1. Major tax changes lie ahead for Britons working or retiring abroad and foreigners resident in Britain for long periods if Inland revenue proposals published this week get the go ahead, reports the Daily Telegraph.

The proposals, contained in a consultative document, would for example close the loophole which allows Britons a lucrative capital gains tax break.

At present they can emigrate and dispose of their assets the following day, making substantial gains without incurring any liability to capital gains tax, even if they later return to this country.

The revenue would also like to reduce the amount of time jet-setting tax exiles could spend in this country.

### Businessmen

Currently businessmen and pop stars carefully count their days in and out of the country to avoid clocking up more than 183 days in any one year or an average of 90 days per year.

Days of arrival and travelling days are not counted in these calculations, which means that expatriates can arrive in Britain on Monday morning and leave Friday night and yet only count three days towards their annual total. Under the new system such workers would have to count five days in the country.

### Earnings

But while closing tax avoidance loopholes and proposals would make it possible for people retiring abroad to keep a property in the United Kingdom and to return home for holidays.

Currently those working full-time abroad either as an

employee or self-employed can keep a home in the United Kingdom and return to it during holidays without having to pay tax on their overseas earnings.

Those, who retire abroad, however can become liable to a United Kingdom tax bill if they retain a property in Britain, that is available to them, even if they only return for a few days.

Under the proposals visit of up to 30 days in a year by pensioners or others not in full time work, who have a British property, would not bring them into the United Kingdom tax net.

### Foreigners

Foreigners living in Britain for seven years or more would be on the same tax footing as British taxpayers, instead of being allowed to escape tax on earnings abroad for 20 years and more because they intend to return home to retire or have bought a burial plot outside the United Kingdom.

Accountants generally welcomed the desire to clarify the complex rules of United Kingdom residence and domicile, which at present lacks a "firm statutory basis."

### Hopes

The Inland revenue hopes that the simplification of the system will reduce the widespread abuses, which currently exist.

There are eight different ways in which people can arrive at their tax status and whether they pay United Kingdom taxes on all, part or none of their income. The document attempts to put all on a similar footing.

It should also enable the individuals concerned to understand when they can and cannot come into the country if they are to avoid taxation here.

An Inland revenue spokesman said: "With lower rates of taxation it is now appropriate to streamline and modernise a complex system and to make it objective rather than subjective."

Such clarification would put an end to the protracted appeals procedure, which can come into play when large sums are involved.

An example of this is the 1985 High Court ruling on the American earnings of musician Dave Clark in 1978-9. The Inland revenue had maintained that Dave Clark had moved to Los Angeles for a year to avoid paying tax on £265,000 from an American recording company.

### Residents

The pop star managed to avoid both United Kingdom and United States tax on the sum by carefully choosing his time abroad, but the court ruled that residence abroad for a particular period was no less residence abroad because the main reason was tax avoidance.

The new proposals would rule out such avoidance. If someone went abroad for up to three years and on his return was regarded as "fiscally connected" with this country they would be liable to tax on income and receipts which were received during the period of non residence if he were able to control both the timing of the income receipts and his residence for tax purposes.

At chartered accountants, Peat Marwick McLintock, tax partner, Geoff Sargent said the most important feature of the document for Britons working or living abroad for "fairly short periods" was that they would not be able to avoid capital gains tax liability on disposals made while

they were out of the country.

Foreigners working here are taxed on United Kingdom income but not that from abroad and it is possible by opening separate accounts outside the country for capital and income to limit only the capital and avoid tax.

They can also sell an income producing asset in one year, and remit the accumulated income in the next year and avoid a tax bill.

Andrew Burgess, director of tax consultancy at chartered accountants, Neville Russell said the proposals were "extremely significant for retired expatriates who want to retain a property here."

As a former tax inspector he said he was not surprised by the issuing of the document.

"At present the situation is not entirely clear when tax planning depends on a residence ruling. We cannot offer the certainty. The revenue may follow our interpretation but they may not. With this we would at least know what we are battling against."

## Bahrain stock exchange procedures drafted

BAHRAIN, Aug. 1. (Reuters): Regulations for a stock exchange in Bahrain have been drafted but trading will not start until October at the earliest, the project's adviser said today.

Fawzi Behdad told Reuters the new market, first proposed in August 1986, would list 21 Bahraini joint stock companies and eight joint ventures between Bahrainis and nationals of other countries in the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC). He said the draft regulations were now being discussed with government legal authorities.

### Market

The only other GCC member to have a share market is Kuwait, although a royal decree was issued in June to set one up in Oman.

An exchange floor opened in Saudi Arabia last year, but closed after less than three weeks of trading.

No plans have been announced for exchanges in the other two GCC states, Qatar and the UAE.

## World Business Summary

### UAE vows to support OPEC pact, Subroto reasserts

JAKARTA, Aug. 1. (Reuters): OPEC secretary-general Subroto said today the oil organisation's output in July exceeded the estimated 18.5 million barrels a day it produced in June. "It was said that production was increased from June, which was thought to be 18.5 million barrels a day. So now it has gone above that," he said in answer to questions from reporters after meeting Indonesian Vice President Sudharmono. He did not give figures. But the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at well above 19 million barrels per day (BPD).

The Nicosia-based newsletter said today the figures indicated "a hefty stock build and a warning sign for the market." OPEC's output ceiling for 12 of its 13 members is 15.06 million BPD. Iraq refuses to be part of the pact unless it gets a quota equal to Iran's 2.5 million BPD. Subroto said there is an 800,000 barrel glut in the market, which is destabilising prices. "So we saw a trend in July for prices to fluctuate... demand is not going up, while supply from OPEC and non-OPEC is increasing." He said OPEC would be watching to see how the UAE met its promise to obey the group's decisions on price and quotas.

Subroto, formerly Indonesia's Oil Minister, said UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan gave him such assurances when he was in Abu Dhabi last week.

UAE Oil Minister Mana Al Otaibi also sat in on the talks and "heard himself the promise by the President that the UAE would abide by the decisions of the second OPEC conference," which was held in Vienna in June, Subroto said. "We will wait and see how (the promise) is carried out," Subroto said. But the Middle East Economic Survey said UAE authorities were determined to go through with a decision to unilaterally raise crude output to 1.5 million BPD, far above its quota of 948,000 barrels.

### Mexico constructs more houses for low-income families

MEXICO'S efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing for low-income households will be assisted by a \$300 million World Bank loan. The loan supports a programme that aims to construct about 300,000 houses between 1988 and 1993.

The loan will also support housing finance reforms that will allow commercial banks to achieve full cost recovery on mandatory housing loans. The reforms are expected to facilitate the resumption of voluntary lending for housing by commercial banks and generate savings for housing finance. Mexico's housing shortage is currently estimated at 5 million units, and the number continues to grow. The problem is compounded by the population's low capacity to generate savings for housing finance and the scarcity of long-term credit. The project will help finance construction and individual mortgages by commercial banks exclusively for households with an income equaling four times the national minimum wage (estimate at \$100 a month). The Bank loan will fund only housing projects that are financed under terms allowing full cost recovery.

The World Bank loan, covering about a fifth of the project's total cost, was made to the National Bank for Works and Public Services (BANOBAS) and will be channelled through the Banco de Mexico for relending to commercial banks.

## Invitation for Subscription to Equity Issue

## The Maldives International Bank

The founder of the Maldives International Bank, a public shareholding company, have obtained the Approval No. GM/MIS/ 87/282-98 from the Maldives authorities to conduct international banking services and are pleased to invite public from all Arab and foreign nationalities to subscribe to its forthcoming equity issue of shares.

The following is a brief account of the bank's Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and subscription conditions:-

**NAME OF BANK:** The Maldives International Bank, a public shareholding company.

**FOUNDERS:** Selected group of businessmen and economic activities from the Arab Gulf countries represented by the Founding Committee comprising selected group of Gulf citizens.

**OBJECTIVES:** Conducting all banking activities of whatever type including the following objectives:

1. Conducting all types of banking activities including all types of funds institutions such as the following:
  - a. Acceptance of cash in the form of current accounts or fixed deposits and investment of such funds.
  - b. Providing all types of trust facilities.
  - c. Issuing, granting or dealing in whatever manner with documentary credits, documents, bills, all types of facilities and securities and financial instruments.
  - d. Purchase, sell and deal in gold ingots and bullion, currencies and valuable metals in addition to all post-dated and saleable commodities.
  - e. To act as agents, consultants, or managers for property management, trust units and post-dated investment units.
2. To carry out all financial activities of financial companies including post-dated financial contracts and money transactions.
3. To undertake all investment activities.

**HEADQUARTERS:** The company's headquarters is in the Republic of Maldives.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The first Board of Directors will be elected by the Founding Assembly. Every shareholder shall have the right to be nominated for Board Membership and shall have the right to vote.

**CAPITAL:**

1. The authorised capital of the company is determined to be US\$ 125 million divided into 500 million shares of US\$ 25 cents each.
2. The Founders have subscribed to 50 million shares with a nominal value of US\$12.5 million.
3. The remaining shares amounting to 450 million shares with a nominal value of US\$112.5 million are offered to public subscription.
4. Subscribers to the issue are called to pay the nominal value of the shares in full, in addition to 1 per cent of the nominal value being the founding expenses.

**CONDITIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTION:**

1. Subscription to the shares is of par and is open to citizens of Arab and Foreign countries.
2. Duration of subscription is one month as from Monday August 1st, 1988 to the end of the working hours on Wednesday, August 31st, 1988. The Founding Committee reserves the right to reduce or extend the said duration.
3. The following banks are authorised to accept subscription forms:

The State of Kuwait: Gulf Bank and its branches in Kuwait.  
Cheques should be drawn favouring A/C No. 15998398.

The Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait  
Head Office.  
Cheques should be drawn favouring A/C No. 131-368393

Allotment will be made to subscribers pro rata to their subscriptions.  
For further information, please contact the Founding Committee, Kuwait Tel. 2412806, 2424187, 2436053.

THE FOUNDING COMMITTEE

## Some economists believe high inflation poised for return

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. (AP): New government statistics have revived debate over whether inflation, which hit double digits in the United States during the 1970s, is returning to the country.

The administration of President Ronald Reagan, mindful of how voters' perceptions will affect the presidential race, insists there are no signs that inflation is becoming a problem. But many private economists disagree.

These economists contend that the 68-month economic expansion, now the second longest of the post-World War II period, has used up all of the economy's slack capacity.

Tight labour markets and high factory operating rates are beginning to be translated into accelerating wage demands and higher prices, they believe.

Proponents of this theory received more ammunition last week with two new government reports, one on wage increases and the other on overall economic growth and inflation.

The wage report showed that compensation for American workers, wages and fringe benefits such as health insurance and pensions, was rising this year at the highest rate since the summer of 1985.

Wages and benefits, which represent about two-thirds of all business costs, climbed by 4.5 per cent in the 12-month period ending in June, compared with an increase of just 3 per cent in the period 12 months.

In a second report, the government said an inflation index tied to the gross national product shot up at an annual rate of 4.7 per cent, from April through June, the fastest pace in nearly six

years. The big jump in prices was blamed on higher consumer costs for food, clothing and energy.

To the administration, the reports were not cause for concern.

Beryl Sprinkel, the president's chief economic adviser, blamed the inflation spurt on temporary factors, including the drought and higher import costs because of the weaker dollar.

Spiral He said there was no evidence the economy was being overtaken by a new wage-price spiral. "We remain convinced that inflation will continue under restraint," Sprinkel said.

Some private economists agree, contending that inflationary pressures are being offset by weakness in oil prices and a rebound in the dollar, which reduces the costs of imports.

## 16-member team to discuss Taipei's reapplication

## Taiwan keen to join GATT

TAIPEI, Aug. 1. (UPI): A 16-member team will discuss Taiwan's reapplication to GATT today following the international organisation's two-month hiatus, an official said.

But ministry of economic affairs officials said Taiwan must concentrate on reducing its import tax in order to satisfy the international organisation's requirements.

### Readmission

Taiwan is eager to join international bodies like the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Only 13 nations currently maintain diplomatic ties with the government in Taipei following a shift of their allegiance toward Beijing which began in the 1970s. Taiwan is reluctant to discard

its name, the Republic of China and its claim to be the "legitimate China."

Discussion of Taiwan's readmission to GATT has centred on this point, rather than on issues of taxation and copyright though ministry officials asked the group to resolve the import tax problem first, and then focus on the name question.

An official said he was not confident that the first meeting of the team would go smoothly.

The team was appointed by the government in April and will be led by Economic Administrative Vice Minister Wang Chien-Shien.

While mainland China is also intent on joining GATT, it presently holds only observer

status. Admission of either Taiwan or Beijing to GATT would not preclude entry by the other government, as a country need not be a sovereign nation to attain membership.

For example, the British colony of Hong Kong is an independent member of the organisation.

Nationalist China was a founding member of the organisation in 1948, before the Communist victory. In 1950 President Chiang Kai-Shek decided to withdraw from GATT.

Taiwan applied for and received observer status in 1965, but was excluded from the organisation in 1971, when the UN aligned itself with Beijing.



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE
ABBEY LFE	338.0	214/0
ADT LTD	144/0	292.0
ALD LYONS	424/0	437.0
AMSTRAD	235.0	427.0
ARGYLL GP	190/0	465.0
ASDA GP	160/0	465.0
BAA	276/0	465.0
BTR	290.0	465.0
BAT 190S	436.0	465.0
BARCLAYS	403.0	465.0
BASS	792.0	465.0
BEAVER	180/0	465.0
BEECHAMS	491.0	465.0
BERISFORD	370/0	465.0
BICC PLC	360.0	465.0
BLUE ARMY	104/0	465.0
BLUE CIRC	449.0	465.0
BOC GP	418.0	465.0
BOOTS CO	221/0	465.0
BR INDS	281.0	465.0
BR COMM	236.0	465.0
BR ALWAY	157.0	465.0
BR AEROSP	472/0	465.0
BR GAS RT	180.0	465.0
BR LAND	348/0	465.0
B.P.	259.0	465.0
B.P. NEW	61/0	465.0
BURMAN OL	342.0	465.0
BURTON	225/0	465.0
CABLEVIEW	381/0	465.0
CADBURYS	378.0	465.0
COATS VTY	237.0	465.0
COMM UNI	385/0	465.0
COMS GOLD	015/0	465.0
COOKSONS	262.0	465.0
COURTAULD	51.00	465.0
DALGETY	355/0	465.0
DEE CP	182.0	465.0
DIXONS	179.0	465.0
ENG CHINA	450.0	465.0
ENTER OIL	497.0	465.0
FBI BABCO	129/0	465.0
FERRANTI	90/0	465.0
GEN ACCID	919.0	465.0
GEN ELEC	156.0	465.0
GLAXO	975/0	465.0
GRANADA	308.0	465.0
GLOBE	143.0	465.0
GLYNED	312.0	465.0
GRAND MET	495.0	465.0
GUARD RYL	194.0	465.0
GKN	335/0	465.0
GUTHNESS	325/0	465.0
HARRISON A	625.0	465.0
HARRISON C	143/0	465.0
HARRISON D	635/0	465.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	465.0
ICI	046/0	465.0
IMI	06.00	465.0

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4
2ND ALLCE	736/0	734/0
600 GROUP	108.0	109.0
A B PORTS	528/0	528/0
A.B.ELECT	443/0	446/0
AAB KENT	91/0	91/0
AAH HLD	285/0	286/0
AARONSON	117/0	116/0
ACRE OIL	220/0	220/0
ADDISON	37/0	37/0
ADVEST	362/0	363/0
ALEX WIKW	172/0	173/0
ALEXAND	386/0	387/0
ALLD COLL	129/0	129/0
ALLD I R	259/0	259/0
ALLD LND	125/0	125/0
ALLD PLMT	60/0	61/0
ALLIANCE	833/0	840/0
AMER TRST	272/0	273/0
AMERSHAM	596/0	599/0
AMH HLTHC	250/0	251/0
ANGLIA TV	179/0	177/0
ANGLO O'S	212/0	214/0
ANSELL	85/0	86/0
APPLACOT	489/0	490/0
APRACOT	125/0	123/0
APV PLC	117/0	117/0
AQUAS.A.	79/0	78/0
ARAN ENG	79/0	80/0
ARCHER AJ	136/0	136/0
ARLINGTON	190/0	191/0
ARMSTRONG	141/0	141/0
ASS NEWS	512/0	512/0
ASTRA HLD	33/4	33/4
AT ASST	51/0	51/0
ATLANTIC C	492.0	490.0
ATTWOODS	287/0	288/0
AUS REE A	277/0	277/0
AUST RECV	378/0	380/0
AUTO SECS	262/0	263/0
AVON RUBB	728/0	728/0
B.M.WELL	184/0	183/0
BAILL SHI	82/0	83/0
BAIRD (W)	265/0	264/0
BANK IRE	254/0	255/0
BANKER IT	72/0	73/0
BARKER DO	131/0	130/0
BART DEV	175/0	175/0
BAYNES C	28/0	29/0
BBA GROUP	179/0	180/0
BEAR B.WT	5/4	5/4
BEAR BRND	10/2	10/4
BELHAVEN	57/0	58/0
BELLWAY	245/0	245/0
BENROSE	221/0	221/0
BENLOX HD	52/0	52/0
BENTALLS	182/0	183/0
BHAIN HNT	181/0	180/0
BIRNID GL	400/0	398/0

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ROBINSON	413/0	413/0
ROCKWELL	64/0	64/0
ROSENAUGH	361/0	360/0
ROTHCHILD	183/0	186/0
ROTHSCHILD	178/0	177/0
RUBBY GRP	133/0	133/0
SAVILE G	50/0	50/0
SAVOY "A"	895/0	895/0
SCAPA GP	257/0	258/0
SCOT HERI	191/0	192/0
SCOT I.T.	130/0	131/0
SCOT MCT	135/0	135/0
SCOT MORT	101/0	102/0
SCOT TV	375/0	373/0
SCOT NAT I	90/4	90/4
SCOT NAT W	6/4	6/4
SECS TST	105/4	107/0
SELECT AS	75/0	76/0
SHERATON S	85/0	86/0
SINON ENG	269/0	271/0
SINGERFR	81/0	81/0
SKITH U-B	57/0	57/0
SMURFIT J	465/0	465/0
SOUND DIF	35/0	36/0
SOV.OGAS	144/0	146/0
SPONG HLD	14/2	14/4
SPRING RAM	207/0	209/0
SPR-SARC	185/0	186/0
STAKIS	101/0	101/0
STANLEY A	315/0	315/0
STERN PR	166/0	166/0
STIRLING	12/6	13/0
STVLD IND	170/0	170/0
T.EES TV	294/0	295/0
TELEPHON	48/0	48/0
TELEVENTS	237/0	233/0
TEMPLE BA	214/0	216/0
THAMES TV	343/0	340/0
THROUGHT	402/0	401/0
TI GROUP	348/0	350/0
TIME PROD	100/0	97/0
TOMKINS F	239/0	238/0
TOZER KAN	94/0	95/0
TR CITY	73/4	74/0
TR INDUS	115/0	116/0
TR PACIFIC	58/0	59/0
TR TRSTEE	126/0	127/0
TRAVISAAR	204/0	210/0
TRIMCO	46/4	46/0
TRIPLEX	190/0	189/0
TRIMCO	263/0	264/0
TRISTEY-DV	243/0	244/0
TURRIF	339/0	338/0
TV SH HLD	65/0	64/0
TYNDALL	137/0	138/0
U-BORLAND	104/0	102/0
U-BRD ST	45/0	45/0
U-BROADM	176/0	176/0
U-CITYSVN	79/0	80/0
U-CLUFF	109/0	110/0
U-DEWEY W	124/0	123/0
U-ELDRGE	493/0	490/0
U-FIELDS	55/0	56/0
U-FLOYD E	26/0	26/0
U-HAMTHRN	41/4	42/0
U-HUGHES	101/0	101/0
U-HURFIT	88/0	88/0
U-KWIK	43/4	43/0
U-KWIK	6/0	6/0
U-MICROVT	35/0	35/0
U-MOLINAR	50/0	50/0
U-MORTYAN	363/0	365/0
U-PROP TS	3/2	3/2
U-SAC INT	114/0	112/0
U-SELECTV	18/0	18/0
U-SIN BUS	359/0	360/0
U-STHROPE	270/0	271/0
U-T.V.AV	170/0	169/0
U-TSB C I	149/0	150/0
U-TUBULAR	32/4	33/0
U-UTC GRP	208/0	206/0
U-WAYNE K	64/0	63/0
U-WMS LEI	76/0	76/0
U-WYKO GP	76/0	76/0
U.E.I.	402/0	402/0
UK PAPER	181/0	181/0
UK NCH HS	7/0	7/4
UNDERWOOD	118/0	119/0
UNION DIS	559/0	548/0
UTD.SCIEN	196/0	195/0
VALUER	53/0	53/0
VALK GRP	683/0	687/0
VERSION	22/0	22/0
VG INSTMT	310/0	308/0
VICKERS	168/0	170/0
VPI GRP	322/0	322/0
WAGON HDG	303/0	303/0
WARD HDS	163/0	162/0
WATSON D	640/0	643/0
WATERFO D	100/0	100/0
WATERFO D	100/0	100/0
WATERS CT	178/0	179/0
WATTS BBS	303/0	302/0
WATTS GRP	243/0	242/0
WELLMAN	43/0	44/0
WELSHY	125/0	125/0
WESTLAND	106/0	106/0
WHEAT	90/0	91/0
WIDNEY	34/0	35/0
WITAN INV	113/4	114/0
WILSON GRV	116/0	116/0
WILSON CON	245/0	246/0
WILSON CON	185/0	185/0
WOLSELEY	264/0	265/0
WOLVEDUD	419/0	418/0
WPP GRP	612/0	613/0

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCN CON	30/3	30/1
ATLANTIC R	83/4	83/4
AAR CORP	25/1	25/2
ABBOTT LAB	45/3	45/1
ACME CLVLD	10/5	10/6
ADV MICRO	13/3	13/3
AEROPOL LAB	8/4	8/4
AETNA LIFE	46/2	45/4
AMERSON	16/2	16/3
AIR PR-CIM	46/2	46/2
ALASKA AIR	18/2	18/1
ALBERTSONS	31/5	31/4
ALMA B-16	0	82/0
ALCAN ALUM	30/5	30/6
ALCO STAND	26/1	26/1
AM CYANAMID	50/3	50/3
AN ELET PV	28/4	28/5
AM NOK PRO	75/0	75/0
AM NOK PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STROARD	0	77/7
AM STORES	50/0	49/7
AM TEL-TEL	26/5	26/6
AMOCO CORP	77/2	77/3
AMP INC	46/4	46/3
AMPICO PITT	0	13/3
ANR CORP	45/7	45/7
ANR GEN CO	30/6	30/6
ANERADA HE	28/4	28/3
ANTHEAN ELE	12/2	12/0
APACHE PET	8/2	8/3
APACHE PET	2/6	2/6
ARISTON	37/4	37/6
ASIA PACIF	6/7	7/0
ATLS CORP	0	36/5
AVERY INT	24/4	24/4
AVNET INC	23/1	23/0
AVON PROCS	25/1	25/0
BCE INC	30/5	30/5
BELLSOUTH	42/0	42/0
BELO CP A	28/3	28/3
BETH STEEL	25/0	25/1
BEVERLY	6/4	6/5
BK BOSTON	28/3	28/3
BK BOSTN-A	0	47/0
BK N-YORK	34/3	34/2
BK N-YORK	36/7	36/7
BK N-YORK	13/7	13/6
BK N-YORK	7/0	7/0
BK N-YORK	60/4	60/4
BK N-YORK	43/7	43/7
BK N-YORK	53/1	53/3
BK N-YORK	30/5	30/7
BK N-YORK	42/3	41/6
BK N-YORK	32/0	32/0
BK N-YORK	43/2	43/1
BK N-YORK	22/1	22/1
BK N-YORK	11/1	11/1
BK N-YORK	11/6	11/6
BK N-YORK	36/3	36/3
BK N-YORK	27/0	27/1
BK N-YORK	21/0	20/7
BK N-YORK	15/1	15/1
BK N-YORK	26/1	26/0
BK N-YORK	62/4	62/2
BK N-YORK	29/7	29/6
BK N-YORK	161/4	161/0
BK N-YORK	43/6	43/5
BK N-YORK	34/7	34/5
BK N-YORK	12/0	12/1
BK N-YORK	4/0	4/0
BK N-YORK	30/1	30/2
BK N-YORK	32/6	33/0
BK N-YORK	31/3	31/3
BK N-YORK	48/3	48/4
BK N-YORK	23/4	23/3
BK N-YORK	54/7	54/7
BK N-YORK	6/5	6/6
BK N-YORK	46/0	46/0
BK N-YORK	24/4	24/5
BK N-YORK	36/1	36/2
BK N-YORK	16/2	16/1
BK N-YORK	25/0	25/0
BK N-YORK	34/6	34/6
BK N-YORK	29/4	29/2
BK N-YORK	1/3	1/3
BK N-YORK	26/2	26/3
BK N-YORK	18/5	18/5
BK N-YORK	11/7	11/7
BK N-YORK	31/4	31/2
BK N-YORK	22/7	22/7
BK N-YORK	3/5	3/5
BK N-YORK	4/4	4/4
BK N-YORK	2/0	1/7
BK N-YORK	39/0	39/2
BK N-YORK	43/7	43/7
BK N-YORK	33/7	33/7
BK N-YORK	11/4	11/4
BK N-YORK	29/7	29/7
BK N-YORK	31/2	31/4
BK N-YORK	44/0	44/1
BK N-YORK	39/3	39/5
BK N-YORK	0/3	0/3
BK N-YORK	36/0	36/0
BK N-YORK	22/7	22/6
BK N-YORK	40/0	40/0
BK N-YORK	10/4	10/3
BK N-YORK	58/4	58/3
BK N-YORK	31/2	31/4
BK N-YORK	83/6	83/6
BK N-YORK	6/6	6/6
BK N-YORK	0	8/0
BK N-YORK	19/0	19/0
BK N-YORK	4/6	4/7
BK N-YORK	35/5	35/5
BK N-YORK	106/0	106/1
BK N-YORK	46/4	46/3
BK N-YORK	50/3	50/4
BK N-YORK	15/6	15/5
BK N-YORK	37/2	37/2
BK N-YORK	62/7	63/1
BK N-YORK	66/1	65/6
BK N-YORK	87/1	86/7
BK N-YORK	34/5	34



## International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Kinki Nippon Railway Co Ltd said it will issue 200 mln dlrs in bonds with warrants in London's Eurodollar market and 30 billion yen in uncollateralised convertible bonds in the domestic market. (RTZ 1048)

London — TMC Mortgage Securities Number Nine PLC is issuing a 200 mln stg mortgage backed floating rate note paying 32 1/2 basis points over the three month libor for the first 10 years and priced at par, lead manager Salomon Brothers International Ltd said. (RTYZ 0954)

Tokyo — The Finance Ministry has given the go-ahead to the so-called "brokers' broker" to participate in the domestic corporate bond market in a bid to revive interest in the sector, dealers and ministry officials said. (RTZA 0854)

London — The Bank of England government bond auction on Aug 10 could dispel apprehension that has engulfed the auction mechanism since its debut in Britain last year, market makers and investors said. (Economic Spotlight, ECSEA-H)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 9-7/8 3/4	10-7/16 5/16	10-7/8 3/4
FFY 5.00/05	5.15/25	5.30/40
PAR 7-1/8 1/4	7-1/8 1/4	7-3/8 1/2
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 2.40	6-3/4 7/8	7-1/8 3/16
ROM 10-10 1/2	10-5/8 11-1/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 5-0/0 5-1/4	5-1/8 5-1/4	5-5/16 5-7/16
TOK 3.7500 8125	4.0000 0625	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.62 6.87	6.93 7.06	7.25 7.37

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-1/16	5-7/16
3 months	5-5/8	6-1/8
6 months	6-1/16	6-3/8
1 year	6-1/8	6-1/2

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	61	60	61 NICO	600	600	600
ACC 251.50	255	255	GRFC	48	48	49 MUKAND	85.50	85.50	85
ASIA PAINT 157.50	152.50	157.50	GSFC	138	137	142 ORAY	28	27	28.50
BAJAJ AUTO 250	255	255	HIND LEVER	69.50	69	69.50 PEICO	30	29.50	30
BAR. RAYON 245	245	242.50	HINDALCO	92	94.50	95 PFIZER	63	62	63
BOM. DYING 115	116	115	HINDCOCCOA	82.50	83.75	85 PRE. AUTO	33.25	33	33.50
BR. BOND 87	86	87	HINDMOTR	27.75	28.75	28.50 RAYMOND	49	48	49
BSE INDEX 596.97	596.97	597.50	IND ORG	25.50	25	25.50 SIEGENS	207	207	208
CENTURYSPG 897.50	892.50	897.50	INDRATON	67	65	67.50 SPIC	51.50	52.25	52.25
COLGATE 223.75	225	225	INDRATON	67	65	67.50 SPIC	51.50	52.25	52.25
DEEPAK FERT 37	37.50	40.50	ITC	44.50	44.50	43.50 STOWILLS	255	255	250
E. HOTEL 50	48	50	JKSWTH	63.50	62	63.75 YATA PAR	242.50	235	240
ESKAYEF 122.50	122.50	118.75	L AND T	104	106	108 TATACHEN	74	72.50	74
ESSAR 19.50	18.75	19.25	MALINDRA	58.50	58.50	58.50 TELCO	665	682.50	677.50
GAR. POLY 80	79.50	80	MASTERSHR	10.37	10.25	10.50 TISCO	826.25	827.50	833.75
GE. SHIP 30	30.25	30	NATHER PL	51	50	51 VOLTA	300	295	302.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	202.3
ALLIANZ VR	1547.0
BADENWERK	181.2
BASF	261.5
BAYER	293.4
BAYER HYP	347.5
BAYER VER	340.5
BBC	307.0
BIF	424.0
BHW	512.0
COMITZBK	232.0
COMITZ GUM	262.8
DAIMLER BEN	689.5
DEUTSCH BHK	485.0
DLW	362.5
DRESDENER B	252.5
DR. BARCK	179.5
FAZ INDEX	490.35
FELDMUEHLE	265.5
GOLDSCHEIDT	300.0
HARPENER	424.0
HOECHST AG	274.7
HOESCH	144.5
HORTEN	193.0
HUSSEL HLD	422.0
KALI SALZ	160.0
KARSTADT	420.5
KAUFHOF	363.5
KLOECK H	128.5
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	683.0
LUFTHANSA	143.0
MAN	196.4
MANHESMAN	169.5
MERCEDES	555.0
METALLGES	305.0
MINDORF PF	436.2
NORSK HYD	62.00
PHILIP KOM	597.0
PORSCHE	578.0
PREUSSAG	179.0
PWA	219.5
RHEINMETAL	290.0
RUE	231.7
RUE P	217.5
SALAMANDER	260.0
SCHERING	519.0
SEL	295.5
SIEMENS	428.8
THYSEN	149.6
VARTA	282.0
VEBA	258.0
VEN	159.8
VOLKSWAGEN	249.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.50
CHEUNG K	7.75
CHINA GAS	16.90
CHINA L-P	17.50
CHINA MOP	23.40
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERGO LMO	.52
FAR EAST C	.84
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELP	9.60
H S INDEX	703.42
HANG LUNG	5.30
HANG SENG	30.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.45
HK KOWLOON	8.35
HK LAND CO	8.55
HK SHAN BK	6.20
HK SHAN HT	4.95
HK TELE CO	6.75
HUTCH UNAM	9.45
IND EQ PAC	12.80
JARDINE N	13.70
KOWLOON H	9.60
NEW WORLD	11.70
PAUL Y CON	2.75
REALTY DEV	7.00
S H K CO	2.33
S H K PROP	11.30
SIME DARBY	2.08
STELLUX MFG	2.88
SHIRE PAC	18.90
T V B CO	13.30
TAI CHEUNG	3.80
UNION BANK	1.62
WOCK HONG	0
WOCK HONG	0
WORLD INTL	3.88

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	NITSUB CP	1160	1150
AJINOMOTO	3000	2990	NITSUB EL	980
AKAI ELEC	621	620	NITSUB EST	2500
AKAI	970	961	NITSUBI CO	882
ASAHI GLS	1970	1980	NITSUBUKOSHI	1780
ASAHI OPT	671	690	NITSUBI EL	1150
BANK TOKYO	1600	1600	NICHICHI	1400
BRIDGESTON	1360	1350	NICHON CHMT	809
CANON	1480	1480	NIKKO SEC	2010
CASIO COMP	1280	1280	NIP ELEC	2300
CHUGAI PHM	1630	1620	NIP KKKAN	665
CITIZEN W	843	840	NIP OIL	1070
D-ICHI KAN	3140	3120	NIP STEEL	764
DAI NIP K	800	800	NIP YUSEN	756
DAI NIP PT	2550	2560	NIS NIKKO	1250
DAI NIP SC	1160	1150	NOMURA SEC	3990
DAI NIP TO	615	597	OLYMPIA	983
DAICEL	868	865	OLYMPIA	1130
DAIWA N	2000	1910	PENKOR	850
DAIWA SEC	2620	2620	PIONEER	3780
EBARA NFG	925	915	REKON	925
EISAI	2060	2040	RICOH	1340
FUJITSU	1790	1800	SANKYO	2080
FUJI BANK	3250	3290	SANYO ELEC	785
FUJI PHOTO	4000	4030	SEIYU ST	2250
FUJISAWA	1850	1850	SEKISUI PB	1720
FUJITA CP	745	729	SHARP	1260
HITACHI	2010	2030	SHISEIDO	1770
HONDA MOT	2390	2390	SONY	7090
ISSETAN	2180	2110	SUNITOMO	1130
ITO YOKADO	4320	4380	TAISEI	926
JAP SYN RU	1130	1060	TAISHO MUM	1140
JAPAN AIR	1400	1430	TAKEDA CH	2750
JAPAN MET	587	587	TEIJIN	791
KAIJIMA	1490	1480	TOI NEW IX	249.10
KANSAI EL	3250	3250	TOKIO MUM	2090
KAO SOAP	1840	1840	TOKYO ELEC	1340
KAWASAKI S	730	720	TOKYO GAS	1230
KIRIN BEV	2060	2010	TOKYO POIR	6020
KOMATSU	782	775	TOSHIBA EL	1170
KUBOTA LTD	720	727	TOYO	2070
KYOCERA	6250	6270	TOYO KKOYU	709
MAKITA EL	1750	1750	TOYOTA NOT	2980
MARUI	3070	3060	YAMAHA	1450
MATSUDA EI	3050	3050	YAMATCHI	2010
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	YAMAMUCHI	4090
NEIJI SEIK	910	920	YAMAZAKI	1480

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER, BELOW MORNING PEAKS  
TOKYO, AUG 1. (REUTERS) — SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER, BUT WERE UNABLE TO SUSTAIN PEAK LEVELS FROM THE MORNING, AS PROFIT-TAKING SEEPED INTO AFTERNOON TRADE, BROKERS SAID.  
"THE MARKET HAS A LOT OF ENERGY, BUT SINCE IT ROSE VERY FAST, INVESTORS BEGAN WORRYING THAT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RAISED SO WE SAW SOME PROFIT-TAKING," SAID AN ANALYST WITH DAIWA SECURITIES.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 126.7 POINTS, OR 0.45 PCT, TO FINISH AT 28,326.31 AFTER REACHING A PEAK OF 28,409.17 IN THE EARLY MORNING, COMPARED WITH THE JUNE 17 RECORD CLOSE OF 28,342.46. IT ROSE 288.31 POINTS ON SATURDAY.

RISES LED FALLS BY SEVEN TO FIVE IN LIGHT TURNOVER OF 950 MLN SHARES AGAINST 700 MLN IN SATURDAY'S HALF-DAY SESSION. SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY/BUS, REAL ESTATE, COMMUNICATIONS, CREDIT/LEASE, PHARMACEUTICAL, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, CONSTRUCTION, ROLLING STOCK AND TRUCKING ISSUES LED THE ADVANCE.

ELECTRICAL, RUBBER, SERVICE, BANK, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, TRADING HOUSE, AIRLINE, GAS, ELECTRICAL POWER, NON-FERROUS METAL AND SOME MANUFACTURING WERE THE ONLY DECLINING STOCKS. MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, RAISED TO 70 PCT FROM 60 PCT ON JUNE 3, HELPED PREVENT AN OVERHEATING OF THE MARKET.

INVESTORS ARE REQUIRED TO PUT UP 70 PCT OF THE VALUE OF STOCKS THEY ARE BUYING OR SELLING IN EITHER CASH OR OTHER STOCKS. MARGIN BUYING HAS BEEN AT RECORD HIGHS FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS.

BUT WHETHER OR NOT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RAISED AGAIN IS SO FAR JUST MARKET SPECULATION, BROKERS SAID. SHARE PRICES SOARED TO A RECORD HIGH IN OPENING TRADE, SPURRED BY GAINS BY WALL STREET ON FRIDAY AND HERE ON SATURDAY AND STABILITY IN CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATES, BROKERS SAID.

MOST INVESTORS EXPECT THE MARKET TO STAY REASONABLY STRONG, WITH THE DOLLAR IN THE 130 TO 135 RANGE, BROKERS SAID.

HONG KONG, AUG 1. (REUTERS) — SHARE PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY HIGHER BUT PROFIT-TAKING TRIMMED EARLIER GAINS.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 24.50 TO 2,703.42 AND THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX TO 10.48 TO 1,781.91. PROFIT-TAKING SET IN AFTER THE HANG SENG HIT A HIGH OF JUST OVER 2,714.

"THE HANG SENG HAD GONE UP ABOUT 37 POINTS IN LESS THAN THE FIRST HOUR OF TRADING, SO PROFIT-TAKING WAS TO BE EXPECTED," A BROKER WITH A EUROPEAN SECURITIES HOUSE SAID.

"BUT THE MARKET'S OVERALL TONE IS VERY FIRM AND SENTIMENT IS VERY STRONG."

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET REPORT

## AMMAN

ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPMG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53	2.53
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.21	1.23	JOR PAPER CARDBRDR	3.10	3.12
ARAB BANK	1.63	1.53	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52	2.52
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	111.2	110.0	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.26	1.26
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	3.96	3.95	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB INSURANCE	1.36	1.38	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.99	0.94	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.62	0.61
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.98	0.98	JOR SECURIT CORP	0.78	0.77
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.94	0.90	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.59	2.59
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	0.53	0.58	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.16	1.12
ARAB PAPER CORP/TRD	2.10	2.10	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.55	4.58
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	0.31	0.31	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.98	1.98	JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.39	7.35
ARAB POTASH CO.	0.76	0.75	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.30	4.80
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	---	---	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.08	2.06
BANK OF JORDAN	1.65	1.65	JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.32
BELGIUM INSURANCE	14.80	14.80	JORDAN DAIY	1.00	0.99
CATRO AMMAN BANK	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.24
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	0.46	0.44	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNC	1.74	1.72
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	1.54	1.52	JORDAN KUWAIT BNC	1.43	1.42
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.57	0.55	JORDAN TANNING	2.01	2.00
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	0.57	0.56	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72	0.72
GENERAL INSURANCE	3.65	3.55	MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.78	0.78
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.39	2.63	MACH/INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL MINING.	1.25	1.26	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
HIMEN MINERALS	1.31	1.31	MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HOLY LAND INS.	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
IND. MATCH JEMCO	1.25	1.25	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNC	0.63	0.63	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/AF	1.01	1.00
INDSTR. COMM/AGV.	1.53	1.50	NATIONAL ALHIA INS	1.23	1.23
INDSTR. INVEST.	1.25	1.23	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40	0.41
INTERN. COMM/INV	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.71	0.70
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.21	0.21	NATIONAL STEEL	2.70	2.68
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.85	0.86	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	1.92	1.97
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	1.25	1.23	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JERUSALEM INS.	0.79	0.80	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.82
JOB TOBACCO/STAGRET	1.26	1.29	RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	14.50	14.50	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.48	0.48
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	0.88	0.88
JOR. ELECTRIC POWER	25.01	25.05	SPINNING LEVING	0.78	0.77
JOR. FINANCE HOUSE	1.59	1.59	THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.86
JOR. GLASS INDUSTRY	0.92	0.92	UNITED INSURANCE	0.95	0.96
JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	0.98	0.97	UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	1.46	1.51
JOR. INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL INS.	1.23	1.11
JOR. INS AND FIN.	1.56	1.58	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.71	0.70
JOR. LEASING CORP.	1.20	1.20	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.08



## Tokyo stock market touches record highs

## Dollar dips on single big order

LONDON, Aug 1. (Reuters): A single big commercial order to sell dollars briefly depressed the US currency today, but by the close of European trading it had recovered to Friday's levels, dealers said.

The West German mark eased again as traders said they were still shifting funds to countries where higher interest rates are available.

Gold eased and Wall Street stocks were little changed. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.02 points to 1,257.1 at midday after a 2.2 percent gain on Friday.

Trading in most markets was thin — otherwise, dealers said, that big corporate order from Asia to sell dollars would have had little impact on the dollar.

**High**  
“This month we're going to bounce around a bit because it's August and so many senior dealers are on vacation,” said David Wilson, a dealer at Girozentrale New York.

The dollar was little changed at 132.70 yen and \$1.7125 to the British pound sterling. It had been as high as \$1.7070 to the pound and 133.30 yen.

It gained more than 1.25 pfen-

nigs to hit an early high of 1.8846 marks to the dollar before settling at 1.8760 after the big selling order.

The mark, meanwhile, slipped half a pfenning to a record low of 1.4130 marks per 100 yen and traded above 3.21 marks to the pound. It has been under pressure despite recent interest rate increases in West Germany.

“Higher German interest rates are not going to help the mark at the moment,” said a chief dealer at a regional West German bank. “When the Lombard rate rose last week (to five per cent), everyone said this just gives the (US) Fed more room to tighten,” he added.

The central bankers of the US Federal Reserve, like those at West Germany's Bundesbank and the Bank of England, are worried that inflation is set to rise. All have been tightening credit to slow down consumer spending.

**Firmed**  
But gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, slipped to be fixed in London this afternoon at \$344.60 an ounce, down \$2.20 from Friday afternoon.

Oil prices have firmed from last month's lows of about \$14 a

barrel with Brent crude oil from the North Sea selling at \$15.35 a barrel for delivery in September. But they have changed little over the past week ahead an OPEC price committee meeting set to open in Lausanne on Wednesday.

Corn (maize) and soybean prices rose the maximum permitted by the Chicago Board of Trade, while wheat prices were also sharply higher.

Forecasts of more hot, dry weather heightened traders' worries that drought in the North American grain belt will damage this year's crop.

That could boost food prices and add to inflation.

London shares rose. The FTSE index of 100 blue-chip British stocks closed 8.6 points higher at 1,862.2 while Paris and Frankfurt shares rose.

In London equity prices eased below the day's highs in late afternoon trading after Wall Street put in a mixed early performance.

Dealers said attention remained fixed on special situation stocks while the overall trading volume remained modest at the start of the new account. Amersham International was

81p higher at 677 amid speculation it may announce at tomorrow's annual meeting that it is the subject of a takeover bid, dealers said.

At 1513 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 9.4 up at 1,863.0 after a high of 1,866.0 on a turnover of 342.2 mln shares.

Weekend press speculation was that a bid for medical products group Amersham will be pitched between 750p and 850p per share.

The rise in Amersham's shares began last week when the UK government redeemed its “golden share” in the company, leaving it vulnerable to a bid.

Market observers believe it is only a matter of time before a bid is launched for Amersham and some expressed surprise that no one had moved in yet.

**Higher**  
Ranks Hovis was 5p higher at 465, appearing to show little reaction to rumours that suitor Australian food company Goodmax Fielder had passed on its near 30 pct stake in the company at 530p per share. Dealers

said Unilever, 13p higher at 488 and United Biscuits 4p off at 307, were the rumoured purchasers. A spokesman for Ranks Hovis

told Reuters “it seems unlikely, since they went to quite a bit of trouble to build up the stake.”

A Unilever spokesman declined to comment on the rumours, while a United Biscuits spokesman said it was an “ill-founded rumour” as far as his company was concerned.

Unilever's share price gain was attributed to buying interest from Dutch sources ahead of the company's second quarter results due in the next account, dealers said.

**Record**  
The Tokyo stock market broke out of its summer doldrums and touched record highs today as fears of higher interest rates and inflation faded, analysts and brokers said.

“It is very good news that the market is breaking out of the recent mold and spreading out a little more,” said Stephen Codrington, head of the international department at Jardine Fleming Securities.

Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei average closed 126.7 points higher at 28,326.31 — just 16.15 points below its all-time high set on June 17 — and Amsterdam's All-Share index closed at a high for the year.

## London still sees few women dealers in financial markets

LONDON, Aug 1. (Reuters): London stockbrokers wrangled for years over whether to let women trade in shares but, when the barriers came down, few stepped in to do so.

Fifteen years after women were formally permitted to trade on the London Stock Exchange, the latest list of authorised brokers includes perhaps one, or at most two, women on each page of some 50 names.

It is not so much that “The City,” as the London heart of British finance is called, deliberately still tries to keep them out but that they do not try to get in.

“The City is still a male bastion — that puts a lot of women off,” said woman stockbroker Karine Sheehan of Laurence Prust. “The barriers are psychological.”

**Careers**

Many women prefer careers in the newer markets, such as options and futures, rather than in the traditionally male markets like stocks or foreign exchange.

The London International Financial Futures Exchange (LIFFE), established in 1982, has always been open to both sexes and now has two female

directors. One, Rosalyn Wilton, is also managing director of the commodities arm of investment and securities house Drexel Burnham Lambert.

But a media image of financial dealing as a macho business for ruthless fortune-hunters still seems to deter many women.

**Role**  
“Women just don't see themselves in that role,” said one woman who trades in Eurobonds.

A male dealer offered a different explanation.

“It's because of the men,” he said.

The dealer, who wanted to remain anonymous, is a senior salesman of British government securities, or “gilts.”

Pin-ups in the dealing rooms, and crude male talk about sex, offended many women, he said. And there were more subtle forms of sexism, he said, such as nicknames. He recalled one woman who ended up as “Boiler,” another was “Slapper.”

American Nancy Goldstone, who came to London in 1985 to set up a trading desk for currency options, recalled her first day in a

British dealing room. “I was walking through and it was there on the wall right in front of me, a picture of a naked woman,” she said. “I just stopped dead.”

**Test**  
For some men, she said, trading was like a test of virility. “It's like they're having sex with their screens. Their manhood is on the line as much as their money.”

Goldstone gave up dealing because she found that following the markets around the clock was ruining her home life.

“You can't be a little bit of a trader, like you can't be just a little bit pregnant,” she said. “Perhaps women prefer to have some outside life.”

Many women, however, said they enjoyed their work. They said they did occasionally come across some sexism, but had learned how to cope with it and even thrive.

“I give as good as I get,” said one.

**Job**  
Karine Sheehan, 26, said she would not consider giving up her job if she were married and had children. “I hate housekeeping. I love dealing,” she said.

Others said that being a woman could be an advantage when entertaining clients or trying to catch the eye of management.

“When you're one of three women at a cocktail party where everyone else is in a grey suit and a yellow tie, you're going to stand out,” said Goldstone.

Susan Steele, managing director of the London office of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, said it was not necessary for women traders to adopt an aggressive attitude. She blamed the scarcity of city women on poor career guidance, a lack of appropriate role models, and a feeling that girls had little aptitude for economics.

**Option**  
Despite the occasional displays of chauvinism, she believes jobs in financial institutions should be presented as a viable career option for women.

She said it was essential to encourage more women to seek openings in The City in order to banish once and for all its image as an exclusive male club.

The City women's network, a group of women working in business and finance, was established in the 1970s to encourage this trend. Nearly a quarter of its 200 members are traders in the financial markets.

Although opportunities for women have increased over the years, chairwoman Moira Black still feels the group serves an important purpose.

## Price committee meeting set to open on Wednesday

## New OPEC moves seen unlikely

LONDON, Aug 1. (Reuters): A meeting of OPEC's price committee set to open in Lausanne on Wednesday seems unlikely to produce any major new moves to tackle divisions within the 13-nation organisation or lead to a full emergency conference, oil analysts say.

They thought it more probable that the gathering in the Swiss city would provide a forum for oil ministers to examine any new opportunities arising from Iran's decision on July 18 to comply with a United Nations resolution ordering a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. The warring nations are both OPEC members.

A controversial UAE move to pump up to 50 per cent more crude than its official Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota is also in the Lausanne agenda.

The price monitoring committee, grouping Algeria, Indonesia,

Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, can call a full emergency OPEC meeting if it considers oil prices to have deviated too far from OPEC's \$18 a barrel reference level.

**Recovered**  
Brent crude oil from the North Sea, a world benchmark, recovered in the past week to around \$15.70 a barrel, after dipping below \$14 a barrel in mid-July.

Oil analysts felt the panel was unlikely to call a full OPEC session at this stage. They said OPEC had not made sufficient progress on contentious issues to ensure success.

“Not much is likely to emerge this week, though they may do some groundwork for the next regular (full) meeting on November 21,” said Peter Nicol, oil analyst at Chase Manhattan Bank.

Mehdi Varzi at Kleinwort

Grievson and Co in London said: “The August 3 meeting is taking place against a totally different political background. The Gulf Arab states are assessing their positions and, though they are still deeply suspicious of Iran, I think it's a genuine move (to seek peace).”

“The price committee wants to see if it is possible for something to be achieved that can be built on and give (OPEC secretary-general) Subroto something to work on,” Varzi added.

**Output**

After talks in the UAE last week with President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, Subroto said the panel would discuss the UAE case but not its demand for a much higher OPEC output quota.

But, analysts said that while he was actually in the country Subroto probably felt con-

strained about saying the UAE output would be discussed in detail at Lausanne. “There is no doubt that the UAE's quota will be discussed,” Varzi said.

“Humphrey Harrison at London brokers Kitkat and Aitken and Co agreed. ‘The UAE is the main item for this week,’ he said. Subroto said during his visit to Abu Dhabi on Friday that ‘the Lausanne meeting will focus on prices and whether to call emergency talks.’ Although he declined to speculate on prospects for a full session, spot energy markets firmed on his remarks.”

**System**

But Mike Unsworth, oil analyst at brokers Smith New Court, said today: “They will only have an emergency meeting if they already have an agenda and a deal worked out. They won't want another failure.”

OPEC's last full conference in

June failed to seal with how to bring Iraq back into the quota system. At 2.6 million barrels per day (BPD), Iraq is currently the group's second largest producer after Saudi Arabia, which has a quota of 4,343,000.

The June talks also failed to agree on a response to an offer by six non-OPEC producers to cut exports by five per cent.

In the meantime, OPEC output has edged up steadily. Since the last meeting, production reached an average 18.5 million BPD in June, according to a Reuters survey. On Monday in Jakarta, Subroto said July output exceeded even that level.

Taking Iraq out of the equation — it refuses to accept a quota other than equal to Iran — analysts say the remaining 12 members are overshooting their self-imposed 15.06 million BPD total by a considerable margin, with the UAE the major factor.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 1. (Reuters): The market closed strongly higher despite the absence of many Sydney institutional traders. The All Ordinaries closed up 12.5 at 1,624.2.

**TOKYO:** Prices closed higher but were unable to sustain peak levels from the morning as profit-taking seeped into afternoon trade. The Nikkei index rose 126.7 to 28,326.31.

**HONG KONG:** The market closed sharply higher but profit-taking trimmed early gains. The Hang Seng index gained 24.50 to 2,703.42.

**SINGAPORE:** Prices were sharply higher on sustained buying and bargain hunting. The Straits Times industrial index rose 18.79 to 1,162.20, its highest since last October's crash.

**BOMBAY:** Prices were generally higher, with gains for vehicle shares. Textiles were mixed.

**FRANKFURT:** The market closed near its peak after a quiet market took its lead from the dollar's strength and gains in US and Japanese stocks. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, was up 14.0 at 1,491.9.

**ZURICH:** Market closed for Swiss National Day holiday.

**PARIS:** Prices were firmer in relatively quiet trade with interest centred on only a few stocks. The 50-share bourse indicator gained by 0.63 pct.

**LONDON:** Prices eased below the day's highs on Wall Street's mixed opening. Special situation stocks attracted most attention in modest trade. AT 1513 GMT, the FTSE-100 index was up 9.4 at 1,863.0.

## UAE firm wins bid to build refinery in China

ABU DHABI, Aug 1. (OPEC-NA): A company in the UAE has won a \$400 million contract to build an oil refinery in China.

A UAE official who did not wish to identify the company “at this stage,” said that the refinery with an initial production capacity of three million tonnes a year would be located in Shenzhen, a free trade zone in southern China. Construction work would begin next year, he added.

The refinery's capacity will be more than doubled to reach seven million tonnes a year at a later stage. The crude will come mostly from the UAE.

## Kuwait re-emerges as a re-export centre

## UASC chief predicts boom in Gulf shipping

THE chief executive of the Arab world's largest shipping firm has predicted a boom in Gulf shipping after the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war ends.

Said Abdulaziz Al Zamel of the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC), owned by six Gulf Arab governments, said the Gulf would win back traffic lost to the Red Sea and witness a surge in trade linked to reconstruction in Iran and Iraq.

“We definitely expect that with the end to military operations there will be a great improvement in trade in the Gulf region,” Zamel told Reuters in an interview.

**Hopes**  
Gulf trade has been slashed by the closure of Iraqi and northern Iranian ports and hundreds of attacks by both combatants on merchant shipping in the strategic waterway.

Iran's acceptance on July 18 of a UN ceasefire resolution has raised hopes of an early end to the conflict, which brought

dozens of foreign warships to the Gulf to protect neutral ships.

UASC vessels — jointly owned by Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE — have been among those attacked by Iran in response to Iraqi attacks on Iranian tankers.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati said on Sunday Iran would not attack ships in the Gulf while UN peace talks are in progress in New York.

**Evil**  
Zamel called on Iran to withdraw its gunboats from the Gulf to prove its good intentions. “These are statements up to now. We want to see them realised in a practical way, such as if the gunboats disappeared and only normal coast guard patrols and customs boats remained,” he said.

Zamel called foreign naval forces in the Gulf a necessary evil. “Their presence has to a certain extent reduced the problems that might have happened had Iranian gunboats been given freedom

of movement,” he said.

Asked if he favoured a reduction in the foreign fleets now that peace prospects seemed good, Zamel said: “We call first of all for an end to the war and an end to its political circumstances. If the political circumstances aren't solved it may flare up again.”

Zamel predicted that after a ceasefire took hold, Kuwaiti and Saudi Gulf ports would handle much of the cargo for Iraq that now transits through Jordan's Red Sea port of Aqaba.

He also saw Kuwait re-emerging as a re-export centre for northern Iranian ports, shut down in the early days of the war.

**Activity**  
“In subsequent stages ... maybe in four years ... the reconstruction of war damage will increase the level of activity and will probably bring things to the congestion of the 1970s,” he said.

He was referring to bottlenecks at Gulf ports during the 1970s oil boom, when ships waited as long as 50 days to

unload.

But Zamel cautioned that financing problems in both Iran and Iraq were likely to slow the pace of recovery. Kuwaiti and Saudi ports were likely to take a big share of the boom because Iranian and Iraqi ports needed time for dredging, repairs and construction of roads, storage and other infrastructure.

UASC says it carries one-fourth of the container traffic between Europe and the Gulf and most of the region's bulk cargo.

**Profit**  
Zamel said he expected the firm to turn a profit this year for the first time since 1982, when the war and falling world oil prices sent the region into economic recession.

In 1987, Kuwait-based UASC cut its losses to \$9 million from \$61 million in 1986 because of improved freight rates and more efficient use of its fleet, which consists of 33 bulk ships and 14 container vessels.

## Indian move to do away with overseas brand names

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: India is working on a “definite statement” on brand names and trade marks. This follows increasing use of foreign brand names by Indian entrepreneurs who have shown an inexorable love without any sign of replacing them by their own, the Economic Times reports.

The thinking in the government is that there should be some way by which Indian entrepreneurs should be encouraged to use their own indigenous brand names.

The issue is admittedly complex and riddled with problems. The government, therefore, is proceeding cautiously. It assumes importance because the proposed statement, while encouraging indigenous brand names and trade marks, should not at the same time, go against international practices.

**Need**

There is no free country which has banned foreign brand names. They find no need for it as entrepreneurs — small and big — took pride in producing quality goods and selling them in their own name in the highly competitive global market.

The highly protected Indian

market, however, discourages brand names since anything produced could be sold at a price fixed by the industry. It has been a seller's market, and it has been going on merely for the last 40 years.

Official sources point out that the high protective wall resulted in the Indian industry either selling without giving much importance to brand name or, much worse, resorted to using foreign brand name. The foreign brand name was used as a passport to make a quick buck taking advantage of the craze for “phoren.” This is all the more so in the case of non-resident Indians (NRIs) who set up units in the country.

**Quality**

The question sought to be tackled is whether (1) all foreign brand names should be banned or (2) allow freely all brand names or (3) compel Indian industry to use Indian brand name. Since trade mark has a “quality assurance” function, Indian industry will perceive have to improve their product in quality to acceptable level, at reasonable prices.

The feeling is growing that well-known Indian companies must take the lead in avoiding

urge of foreign brand names.

There are Indian brand names which have stood, and can stand on their own against any competition. Regrettably, even some of the big companies have fallen for the easy way, a get-quick-rich mentality which often paid rich dividends.

**Policy**

There is no clear-cut policy with regard to registered user agreement especially foreign-owned trade marks. The bold used the brand names blatantly, the not-so-bold resorted to hybrid brand names and others explained away their use. The government had not given permission to use foreign brand names as such. Those who use it explain that their collaborators had assigned it to them for Indian market. They claim that there was no consideration for using the brand name and, therefore, there was no outgo of foreign exchange. Nobody believes that a foreign company will allow use of its name free, without any consideration.

The Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) provides that no foreign trade mark will be used in domestic market if it involves direct or

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SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 1/8/88				
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel	
2	Rashid	GH&Q	4747815	
5	Bronislaw Lachowicz	A. Seas	2421303	
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860	
11	Barbara Morgan	Al Rashad	2423642	
14	Kasuga	ISA	2441860	
FH3	Huai Yang	M. Bahar	2433881	
16	Mistral	GH&Q	4747815	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel	
1/8	Rich Victoria	United	2463150	
1/8	Falcu	Sawan	4746018	
2/8	North Wind	Al Bader	2433537	
2/8	Norasia Attica	Emad	4841180	
2/8	Zarka	GH&Q	4747815	
2/8	Pelagos	Yasas	4745533	
2/8	Deula Gori	T. Cont	2436920	
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Uco-XVII	Ships Name	Agent	Tel	
18	Tokyo Bridge	Sager	2432692	
NBH3	Tug Gulf Venture	United Shpg	2457958	
NBH3	Barge Wimbrown-6	Sager	2432692	
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1/8	Tug Gulf Master	Sager	2432692	
3/8	Dubai	UASC	4843150	
8/8	Hercules	B.B. Hassan	2440359	
10/8	Trade Freedom	M.A. Bahar	2433881	
10/8	New Oasis	Marafie	2465645	
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## Dear Junior Readers,

If you have ever pressed your nose against a shop window and gazed longingly at something you would just love to buy but cannot afford, you will be pleased to know that there is an answer to this problem: saving.

I imagine that most of you get pocket money. You could, even if you do not get much, put a little aside each week, instead of rushing out and blowing the lot on sweets and cheap toys that break five minutes after you have bought them! It can help if you have something special in mind to save for—that way you will not be so tempted to break into your savings before you have got together as much as you need to buy it. As well as getting what you want without having to pester Mum and Dad to buy it for you, it is a good feeling to know that you have got it through your own effort, because often the things we have had to work or wait for give us greater pleasure than the things that come easily.

So, start looking after the fils and the dinars will look after themselves!

Auntie Joyné.

## Happy birthday

Savio Fernandes celebrates his 6th birthday today. Best wishes, Savio, from Dad, Mummy, brother Ralph, friends and relatives.



## The fox and the goat

ONE day a fox fell into a well, and wondered how he could get out again. At last a goat came along, and, feeling thirsty, he asked Reynard if the water was good.

The fox saw his chance, and, pretending that he was swimming for pleasure, replied, 'Yes come down, my friend; the water is so nice that I cannot drink enough of it, and there is plenty for both of us.' So the goat jumped in, and the artful fox, making use of his friend's horns, quickly sprang out.

When he was safely on top of the well, he coolly remarked to the poor goat, 'Had you half as much brains as you have beard, you would have looked before you leaped.'

*Moral: Think before you act.*

## The miser's gold

A VERY mean man once sold all his estate and melted the money he received for it into one solid mass of gold. This he buried in the ground in his garden, and visited his hoard night and morning to gloat over it.

One night a robber spied on him and when the miser had gone back home dug up the

treasure and went off with it. Next day the miser missed it and went nearly out of his mind at the loss of his gold. 'Why are you making such a noise?' said a neighbour. 'You might as well have a stone in the ground instead of your gold, for it was no use to you when you had it.'

*Moral: Riches are meant to be used.*

## The crow and the mussel

ONCE a hungry crow discovered a mussel and tried hard to break it open with his beak so that he could get at the fish. He was struggling without success when a carrion-crow came along and said, 'I advise you to use a little strategy, my friend. Carry the mussel into the air as high as you can fly, and then let it drop down on this rock and you will find it will break open.'

The crow thanked him heartily and, thinking it a

good plan, flew off, but while he was on the wing the carrion-crow remained on the ground, and ate the mussel himself when it dropped down.

*Moral: Some people are kind to their neighbours for their own sakes.*

## The wolf and the crane

A WOLF had got a bone stuck in his throat, and in great pain ran howling up and down, begging every animal he met to relieve him, at the same time hinting at a handsome reward to the one who succeeded in getting it out.

A crane, feeling sorry for him, put her long beak down the wolf's throat and drew out the bone. She then modestly asked for the promised reward.

But the wolf, grinning and showing his teeth and pretending to feel hurt, replied, 'You ungrateful creature! Have I not given you your life? How many can say they have had their head in a wolf's jaws and brought it safely out again? And yet you are not content!'

*Moral: Those who expect thanks from rascals are often disappointed.*

## The hare and the tortoise

A HARE met a tortoise one day and made fun of him for the slow and clumsy way in which he walked.

The tortoise laughed and said, 'I will run a race with you any time that you choose.'

'Very well,' replied the hare, 'we will start at once.'

The tortoise immediately set off in his slow and steady way without waiting a moment or looking back.

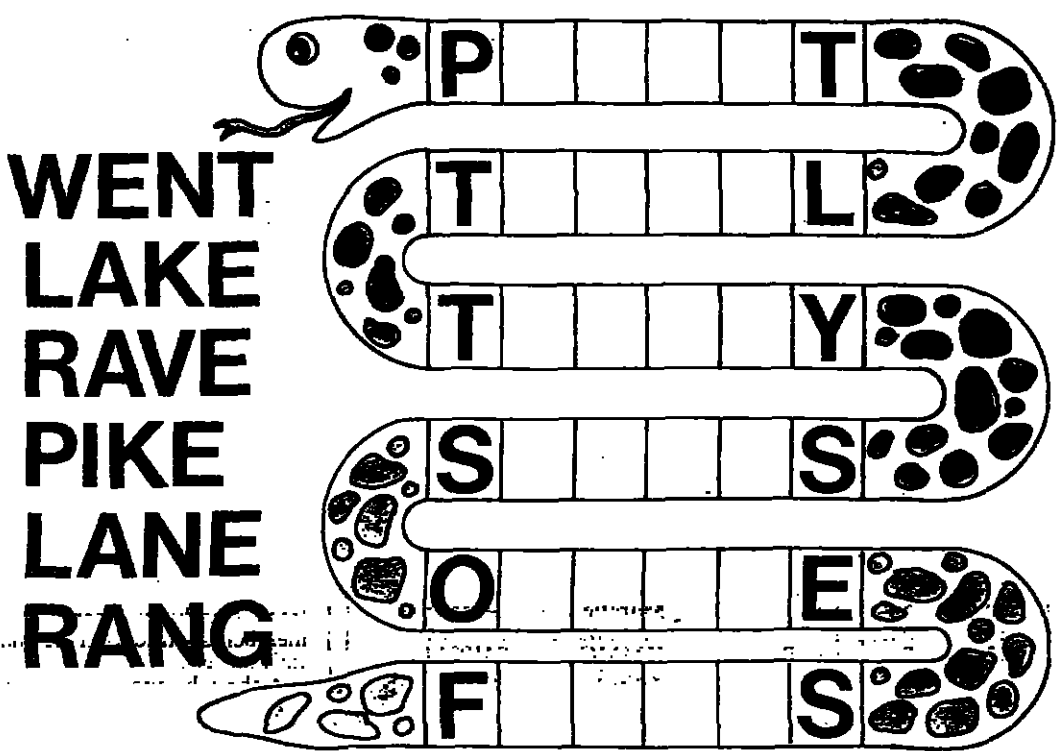
The hare, on the other hand, treated the matter as a joke and decided to take a little nap before starting. For he thought that it would be an easy matter to overtake his rival and win the race with plenty of time to spare.

The tortoise plodded on, and meanwhile the hare overslept with the result that he arrived at the winning-post only to see that the tortoise had got in before him.

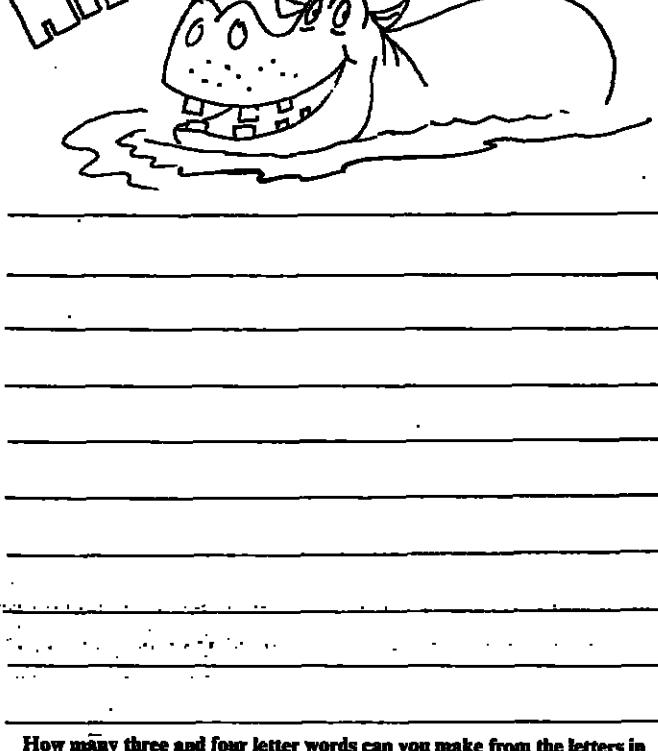
*Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.*



Can you fit in the four-letter words to make six, six-letter words?



## HIPPOPOTAMUS



## Ha! Ha!

Policeman: 'Your dog has been chasing a man on a bicycle.'

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Man in vet's surgery: 'It's my cat, it's ill.'

Vet: 'Is it a Tom?'

Man: 'No, it's here in this bag.'

What goes 'plod' 999 times then 'plonk'?  
A centipede with a wooden leg.

## What's my line?

Rearrange the letters of each phrase to form the name of a 'job' or 'occupation'.

1. A GERMAN
2. ATOM BAN
3. CAR SETS
4. FAIR MEN
5. FAT MOON
6. HIS RACE
7. RED SOIL
8. MY GNATS
9. NO FRAME
10. RACE LEN
11. RAW END
12. ROB A CAT

Solution on Thursday

## What a hoot!



Pupil Rebecca Goodacre and her friends were thrilled when Barry, a barn owl, came to join them in their nature lessons. Barry is looked after by Molly Burkett, who uses him to teach the importance of respecting animals in the wild.

There are three things in circle 1 that are not in circle 2, and three things in circle 2 that are not in circle 1. WHAT ARE THEY?



More than 300 children attended a party last Wednesday evening, organised by Kuwait Public Transport Company to mark the end of Eid. The children were taken by ship on an hour-long trip around the coast of Kuwait and were entertained on board by Walt Disney characters. After the trip, the party continued in a special garden at Ras Al Ard port, where everyone had a lovely time dancing, singing and taking part in games and competitions.

## The why of man

Why the human hand is able to do all kinds of work.

It is said that man's first tool is his hand. No-one pays much attention to such an obvious remark, yet if we remember the difficulties we suffer when, for example, we have a hand in plaster, we realise how much we depend on this essential part of the human body.

What makes it possible for the hand to perform such a wide variety of actions is above all the thumb. It can 'oppose itself' to the other fingers and enable the hand to tie things, to grasp and to pick up objects.

Because of his hands man is able to build enormous constructions as well as very small ones, to play musical instruments, to cut, manipulate and to put food into his mouth.

Although it is possible to

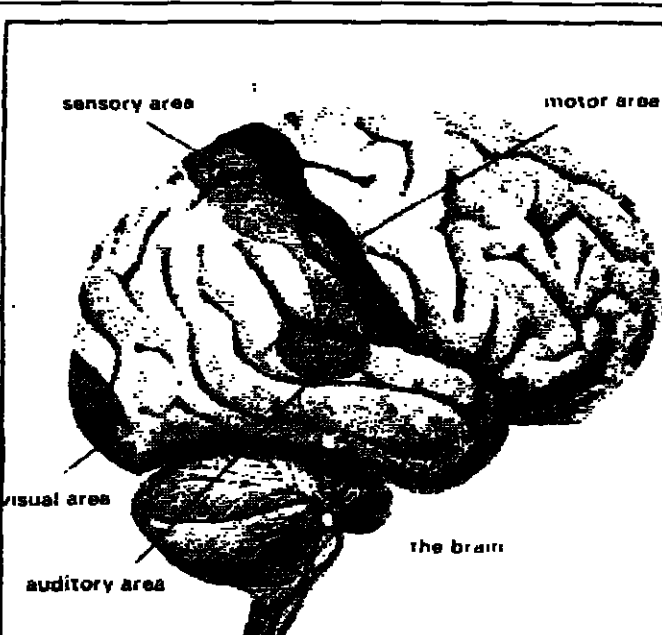
find some truth in such ideas, science has definitely established that the brain is the organ which controls all our actions without exception, and the brain is therefore the control centre of the body.

How does this come about?

The brain and the spinal cord, which is the natural continuation of the brain, are made of a very delicate and rather soft material, grey in colour, which occupies the whole of the skull and the long central core of the backbone. Special channels and nerves lead into this very sensitive material and it is their task to transmit to the brain all the sensations received from the various sense organs and then to pass on at once the orders which the brain sends to the organs, even to the farthest limits of the body.

The nervous system, the headquarters of which is the brain, is responsible, therefore, for all our actions: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching. But it is above all due to the nervous system, and therefore to the brain, that we are able to appreciate and understand our senses.

When we talk about

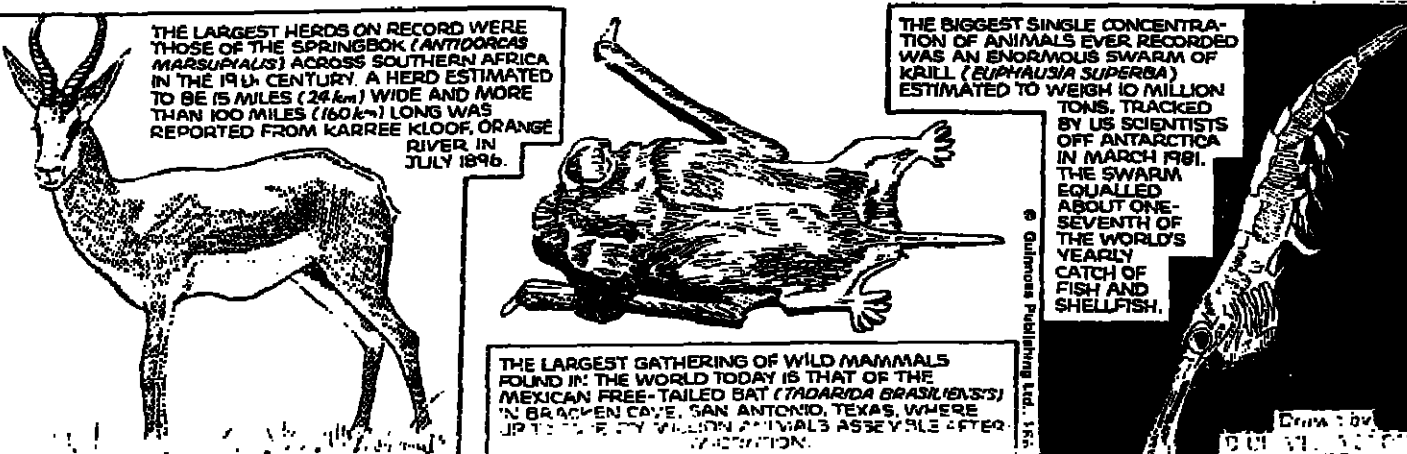


mental health, nervous diseases and depression we are concerned with the nervous system. Nowadays medicine has become very specialised in the field of nervous diseases because it is considered, and rightly so, that as a result of the hectic life which modern man leads, it represents one of the most delicate areas of medicine and one subject to the greatest changes.

The weight of the brain varies with age, height, body weight, sex and race. The brain of the adult man is heavier than that of a woman, in this country averaging 1,409 grammes as compared with 1,263

grammes. The two hemispheres into which it is divided are symmetrical but although they are identical they do not have identical functions: various sense or motor activities are located at different points and sometimes in only one of the hemispheres. For instance, the centre of language, of the association between written words and spoken words, between ideas and the words which represent them, are normally only located in the left hemisphere and therefore these faculties are not impaired if for some reason the right hemisphere is injured.

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## Stargell aims to give something back to baseball

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y., Aug. 1. (Reuters) Willie Stargell became the 200th member of baseball's Hall of Fame yesterday in a moving ceremony in which the longtime Pittsburgh Pirates superstar promised to "give something back to baseball."

Stargell, who combined charisma and power, crushed 475 home runs in his 21-year career, all spent with Pittsburgh. The left-handed slugger, who retired after the 1982 season, became the 17th player elected in his first year on the ballot.

**Connected**  
Twice Stargell led the National League in home runs, belting 48 in 1971 and 44 in 1973. He totalled 1,540 runs batted in, scored 1,195 and connected for 2,232 hits. His lifetime batting average was .282.

"I am living proof that hard work brings its just rewards," Stargell said at the ceremony. "There is no substitute for hard work. I'm just going to take this great honour and say to baseball I want to give something back to you because you have done so much for me."

Always known as a gentleman, Stargell's influence extended beyond the field and into the Pirates clubhouse and dugout where he was affectionately known in the latter stages of his career by the younger players as "Pops."

His inspirational leadership contributed greatly to Pittsburgh World Championship in 1971 and 1979.

**Award**  
In 1979 he shared the National League Most Valuable Player award with Keith Hernandez of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"When Roberto Clemente died in 1972, Stargell became the Pirate leader," said Joe Brown, former general manager of the Pittsburgh team that Stargell joined in 1962.

"He made time for worthy endeavours off the field. He brought to the forefront the tragedy of sickle cell anaemia, and enlisted the aid of other well known athletes to raise funds to combat the disease."

Two weeks ago Stargell, 48, was named honorary chairman of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

"There's not a day that doesn't go by when two or three children aren't beaten or brutally killed," said Stargell, while signing autographs at the ceremony.

"I didn't know what to say today," Stargell said. "But I considered it like a big ball game."

"There's an awful lot you can do to get ready for a big game. When you get the World Series ring, everybody on your team gets one. But today I was alone up there on behalf of so many, many people who helped me."

**Morgan qualifies**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, Aug. 1. (AP) John Morgan of Minneapolis qualified for the US Olympic wrestling team's 180.5-pound (81.8-kilogramme) slot yesterday after beating his opponent twice 1-0.

## MONTANA AND MARINO PLAY IN OPENING QUARTER ONLY

# Archer takes Dolphins to win over 49ers

WEMBLEY, England, Aug. 1. (AP) Reserve quarterback Dave Archer sped into the end zone with 1:28 remaining for the touchdown that gave the Miami Dolphins a 27-21 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in a National Football League pre-season game at London's Wembley stadium last night.

Archer, taking advantage of a personal foul against the 49ers, faked a handoff and ran the other way around left end to cap the Dolphins' second rally of the second half.

Miami, which earlier gave up a 10-point lead, struck back from a 14-13 halftime deficit to move in front again.

But late in the third quarter, the Dolphins fell behind 21-20 and San Francisco held on to its slender advantage until Archer's game-winning score.

**Carnival**  
A capacity crowd of 70,500 turned England's national soccer shrine into a football carnival as they cheered on both teams in the third NFL-sponsored "American Bowl" to be held here.

Some of the loudest applause was reserved for the cheerleaders who added authenticity to the occasion, braving the driving rain that has plagued the English summer to perform a series of spectacular dance routines.

Although the action on the field was full of penalties and incomplete passes, it was no different from other pre-season games.

Star quarterbacks Dan Marino of the Dolphins and Joe



49ers' Roger Craig flies through the air after a tackle by Dolphins' John Offerdahl in the first quarter. (Reuters wirephoto)

Montana of the 49ers each played the first quarter before being replaced.

Marino had the better of the early plays as the San Francisco defence started edgily. The first time Marino touched the ball, he found running back Troy Stratford with a 14-yard pass. Then Marino saw an 11-yard pass to Mark Clayton in the end slip out

of the normally reliable wide receiver's hands.

As the skies darkened and rain began to lash down on the Wembley field, Miami's early pressure finally earned it a touchdown. Running back Lorenzo Hampton dove over from the 3 with 9:58 of the quarter gone.

Fuad Revez kicked the extra point to give the Dolphins a 7-0



Craig (left) takes to the air on a tackle by Dolphins T.J. Turner during the first quarter. (Reuters wirephoto)

lead.

As San Francisco, which had only 3:46 of possession in the first quarter, continued to lose yardage, Revez kicked a 45-yard field goal to extend the Dolphins' lead.

Montana, whose wide receivers had given him little help, left the field for Steve Young and Marino gave way to

Ron Jaworski in the second period.

Young's appearance sparked the 49ers to life. His combination of accurate, left-handed throwing and powerful, imaginative running cut holes through the Miami defence.

On his second play, Young carried for 11 yards, then picked up a first down with a scorching

41-yard pass to star wide receiver Jerry Rice.

With Miami's defence mesmerised, Young threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to running back Tom Rathman. Ray Wersching kicked the extra point and the 49ers, last year's NFL leaders in yardage, were back in the game, trailing 10-7.

On the next play, a neat 49ers move ended with Terence Flagler carrying six yards into the corner of the end zone. Wersching again kicked successfully.

A nine-play Miami drive ended with a Revez 43-yard field goal with two seconds remaining in the half, lifting the Dolphins within 14-13.

Although the second half had fewer high-class plays than the first as more reserves entered the game, it always was interesting.

After a turnover-free first half, Miami took the lead again when Harry Sydney slipped on the wet grass, fumbled a Young pass, and Miami's Jackie Shipp picked it up and ran 11 yards to score.

**Spray**  
The 49ers went ahead again 21-20 on Doug Dubose's 1-yard scoring run.

Young continued to spray around accurate passes but could not find the same co-ordination as before with his receivers. He left the field to be replaced by third-string quarterback John Faye.

At the same time, 26-year-old Archer, a fifth-year NFL pro, replaced Jaworski and improved his chances of making the Dolphins' roster as he won the game in the dying minutes.

## E.Germans set world relay records

SUDBURY, Ontario, Aug. 1. (Reuters) East German women set new world junior records yesterday in the two relay events at the World Junior Athletics Championships.

Kathrin Krabbe, who earlier in the championships won the 200 metres gold and silver in the 100 metres, paced the East Germans to a 43.48 seconds clocking in the women's 4x100-metres event. The former world junior record time of 43.73 had been set in 1983 by a US team.

"We each ran our best," said Krabbe. "I am pleased — two gold and a silver for me."

Cuban women took the silver in the sprint relay, while the US team took the bronze.

The East Germans led from

start to finish in taking the gold in the 4x400-metres. Their time of three minutes 28.39 seconds took exactly two seconds off the former world junior record set by their compatriots in 1981.

The US 4x400-metres four-some nipped the Soviet relay squad to take the silver.

The American men's teams swept both the 100 and 400 metres relays.

Spaniards Maria Diaz and Olga Sanchez finished one-two in the women's 5,000-metres walk following the disqualification of apparent winner Alina Ivanova of the Soviet Union.

Diaz's winning time was 21 minutes 51.31 seconds. Ivanova had crossed the finish in 21:45.68 but was disqualified for failing to

maintain contact with the track with one foot at all times.

Soviet athletes led the medals table with 22 but only four of them were gold. East Germany collected 21 medals, including 11 gold.

The United States won five gold, five silver and two bronze, and were followed in the table by Kenya, which won 10 medals including six gold.

Some 1,300 athletes, aged 19 and younger, represented 120 countries at the championships.

**Medals table**  
Following is the medals table after the final day at the World Junior Athletics Championships yesterday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze, total):

Soviet Union	4	6	12	22
East Germany	11	5	5	21
United States	5	5	2	12

Kenya	6	2	2	10
Cuba	3	3	2	8
Poland	2	0	3	5
Britain	2	2	2	6
Romania	2	1	1	4
Ethiopia	2	1	1	4
Spain	1	2	1	4
Bulgaria	1	1	1	3
West Germany	1	1	1	3
Nigeria	1	0	2	3
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Yugoslavia	1	0	1	2
Bahamas	1	0	1	2
Finland	1	0	1	2
Italy	1	0	1	2
Jamaica	1	0	1	2
Netherlands	1	0	1	2
South Korea	1	0	1	2
Taiwan	1	0	1	2
Zimbabwe	1	0	1	2

## McGirt wins

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Buddy McGirt knocked out fellow-American Howard Davis in the first round to retain his International Boxing Federation junior welterweight title at Madison Square Garden yesterday.

McGirt, who raised his record to 38-1-1, surprised Davis with a right hook that instantly dropped the 1976 Olympic gold medalist who was counted out.

McGirt is scheduled to fight another Olympic champion, 1984 gold medalist Meldrick Taylor.

## Joyner-Kersey aims for Olympic gold

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey, self-confessed brat turned world record holder, has absorbed the lessons of her failure at the 1984 Olympics and is ready for the title this time around in Seoul.

"After the (1984) Games I realised that it was my being a brat that cost me the gold," said Joyner-Kersey, who had to settle for silver after disappointing performances in the long jump — ironically, her favourite event — and 800 metres.

Despite advice, Joyner-Kersey refused to eat or drink before the 800 metres, last of the seven events, and finished sixth. Had she run 0.33 of a second faster, 7.45 metres at last year's Pan American Games.

"Instead of thinking what I could do, I was over in a corner putting when things didn't go right," she said.

Coach — and husband — Bob Kersey is convinced that the motivation which turned Joyner-Kersey into the world's greatest heptathlete stemmed from her disappointment in Los Angeles, where she was runner-up to Australia's Glynis Nunn.

"Because there's a girl in Australia with a gold medal, Jackie is what she is today," Kersey told Reuters. "She learned from her mistakes in the Games."

Joyner-Kersey, who pushed her own world mark to 7,215 points at the US Olympic trials here two weeks ago, is determined not to let opportunity slip a second time and believes she can improve the record again in Seoul in September.

"I think 7,300 or 7,400 points would be good for the Olympic Games," the world champion said recently.

East bloc nations boycotted the Los Angeles Olympics but their return holds no fear for Joyner-Kersey, owner of history's five best heptathlon scores.

"With the Soviets and East Germans at Seoul, I'll be very hungry and motivated," she said.

But her confidence in the long jump, her other speciality, will not be as high in Seoul.

"I'm not going to count myself out because I don't know what I can jump," said Joyner-Kersey, who equaled the since-broken women's world record by leaping 7.45 metres at last year's Pan American Games.

She is expecting a battle with the only woman to have jumped further — world record holder Galina Chistyakova of the Soviet Union — and East German Heike Drechsler, who once shared the record with the American.

And she believes Chistyakova's mark of 7.52 metres can be beaten.

"That's a good jump but I'm not going to say that I can't surpass it," said Joyner-Kersey, who defeated an injured Drechsler to win the gold at last year's World Championships.

Also a basketball player of considerable skill — she has been assistant coach of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) women's team for the past five years — the 26-year-old Joyner-Kersey seems to live on top of the world.

## Biasion seeks hat-trick

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Italian Massimo Biasion will hope to strengthen his position as leader of the World Rallying Championship by completing a hat-trick of Argentine victories when the South American event starts tomorrow.

Biasion, who has won all four rallies he has entered this year, triumphed at the Argentine events in 1986 and 1987 and another win in his Lancia Delta Integrale would give him a clear lead as he bids for his first world title.

### Absentees

Biasion, with 80 points, leads the championship by 23 points from fellow-Italian and Lancia team-mate Alessandro Fiorio, who is one of several notable absentees for the rally in the hills of Cordoba province, north-west of Buenos Aires.

In addition to Fiorio, Finland's Markku Alen, who is a further 21 points behind Biasion, has also chosen to miss the Argentine rally.

The Constructors' World Championship has already been won by Biasion's Lancia team who have won 137 points and lead nearest challengers Audi by 88.

Biasion's main challenge could come from local hero Jorge Recalde, who is driving a Lancia for the first time this season. He finished a close second to the Italian in last year's rally.

Austrians Franz Wittmann in



Massimo Biasion

a Lancia and Rudi Stohl and Georg Fischer, driving Audi Quattros, are the only other Europeans taking part.

The 2,140-kilometre rally starts tomorrow night with a qualifying session on a specially-prepared sand surface at the Buenos Aires horse-race track.

### Special

The cars then drive overnight to Cordoba City, where four days of rallying including 29 special stages will be held, starting and finishing in Cordoba's World Cup soccer stadium, 800 kilometres from Buenos Aires.

The participation in the rally of Carlos Menem, a candidate for the main opposition Peronist Party in next year's presidential elections, should guarantee a massive turnout.

## SWIMMING

# Otto seeks glory at Seoul Olympics

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 1. (Reuters) East Germany's Kristin Otto has won virtually every swimming honour in her long and outstanding career, but Seoul will provide her first chance of Olympic glory.

The 1984 East bloc boycott deprived the towering Leipzig student of the Los Angeles Olympics, but that is now just a sad memory and her mind is concentrated on the Games to come.

### Enter

"She can win as many medals as events entered," chief national coach Wolfgang Richter said.

"But she won't enter all the possible events and it would be arrogant to say the medals would necessarily be gold."

Otto, at 22 a relative veteran in the world of swimming, says she feels physically able to risk at least a double start in the individual disciplines. She dreams of Olympic gold.

A double start would mean the 100 metres freestyle — she holds the world record of 54.73 seconds — and backstroke.

She could also swim in the medley and freestyle relays and, theoretically, enter the 100 metres butterfly.

Last year, Otto stunned the swimming fraternity — already pretty used to East German success — by winning an incredible five European championship golds in those events to add to her four 1986 world titles, itself an astounding feat.

"I think I still have reserves, although huge leaps in the rate of improvement are not to be expected," she told Reuters at the recent East German Championships in Potsdam.

### Unknown

The blonde powerhouse burst on to the scene as a relatively unknown 16-year-old at the 1982 World Championships in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and won the 100 metres backstroke and two relay golds.

Otto, voted the world's best female swimmer in 1984, confirmed her place as number one all-rounder in 1986 and 1987 after a year interrupted by injury.

She puts her success down to hard training rather than raw talent and is particularly grateful her trainer Stefan Hetzer has kept her motivated to plough up and down, year after year.

She first took the plunge when she was nine. She caused an immediate stir, although the medals were a long way off.

"I just went along with a girlfriend to a training centre (in Leipzig) for an initial test. You had to reach a certain level which I did straight away," she recalled.

The trainer at this centre said she was so impressed with me that she asked me to come along more often. And that's how it all started," she shrugged.

Otto's first major competitive success came in the European Cup in 1981 when she won the 100 metres backstroke and the medley relay. Surprisingly, she never won a junior title.

### Assured

A direct but pleasant woman with chiselled features and sparkling eyes, Otto has the assured air of a champion. But she still draws support from her parents and older sister Irina.

She instantly declares they are her main influence. Her father Georg is a physics professor at Leipzig University, her mother Angela a physiotherapist. Irina is an engineer.

In training for 13 years, Otto has devoted her childhood and teenage life to sport. Does she feel she missed something?

"You grow up like this, living according to a strict regime. As I have been successful for the most part I don't wish to do or have done things differently. I don't feel I have missed anything," she said.

In the little spare time she has, Otto likes to do "the usual things girls of my age do — I like dancing, reading and listening to music." She is also a member of the ruling Communist Party.

### Collects

She maintains photograph albums and slides of her many foreign trips and also collects miniature books.

Her favourite literature is detective stories.

But Otto was not prepared to solve one little mystery and say when she plans to retire. She has a place to study journalism at Leipzig University from September and wants to be a sports reporter. But she could still carry on swimming.

"I'll make a concrete decision after Seoul. Let me get through the Olympics and then I will decide what comes next."

## Mets take five-game lead over Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (AP) The best pitching staff in baseball was better than ever this weekend.

"There's an old adage that good pitching stops good hitting and that's the way it's gone so far," said New York's Ron Darling after his six-hitter led the Mets to a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday.

"They're a talented bunch and they're going to score runs, but hopefully not against us."

The Mets' talent was much in evidence as they lowered their earned run average to a Major League-leading 2.96. Bob Ojeda shut out the Pirates Friday night and Sid Fernandez and Randy Myers combined to blank Pittsburgh on Saturday. New York has won five straight and now leads second-place Pirates by five games in the National League East.

"This is one of the few series I've ever seen where you have to keep as many runs off the board as possible," Darling said. New York has given its pitchers little room to breathe, scoring only six runs in three games.

Elsewhere, it was Montreal 2, St. Louis 0; Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3; Los Angeles 6, Houston 1; and San Diego 8, Cincinnati 5. Also, San Francisco swept a doubleheader from Atlanta, 4-2 and 3-2 in 10 innings.

After Bobby Bonilla's RBI grounder in the top of the first gave the Pirates their first run following four straight shutouts at Shea stadium, Darryl Strawberry's 27th homer, a two-run shot in the bottom of the innings, gave the Mets the victory.

**Expos 2, Cardinals 0**  
Dennis Martinez pitched a three-hitter for his fifth victory without a loss in July as St. Louis



Cleveland Indians pitcher Bill Laskey (left), catcher Chris Bando (right) and manager Doc Edwards argue a call by home plate umpire Tim Welke. (Reuters wirephoto)

was shut out for the 12th time, the most in the National League. Montreal has won eight of 10 games against St. Louis this season.

**Phillies 6, Cubs 3**  
Mike Maddux won the battle with his brother, Greg, scattering six hits in seven-plus innings, and Phil Bradley had a two-run single for Philadelphia. Mike Maddux, 3-1, struck out four and walked one, but needed relief help from Bruce Ruffin.

**Dodgers 6, Astros 1**  
Orel Hershiser became the National League's second 15-game winner as Los Angeles snapped Houston's four-game winning streak. Los Angeles ended a three-game losing streak and moved 4 1/2 games in front of the Astros and San Francisco Giants in the NL West.

**Padres 8, Reds 5**  
Dennis Rasmussen won for the seventh time in eight decisions

for San Diego and Keith Moreland, Carmelo Martinez and Roberto Alomar each drove in two runs.

Rasmussen, 9-7, was acquired from the Reds on June 8.

**Giants 3, Braves 2**  
Kevin Mitchell's homer in the seventh innings broke a 2-2 tie in the first game and Will Clark beat out an infield hit with the bases loaded in the 10th inning of the nightcap as San Francisco swept a doubleheader and extended its winning streak to five games. Atlanta has lost six straight.

**Results**  
American League

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Boston	5	Milwaukee	0
Kansas City	4	Baltimore	1
Minnesota	12	Cleveland	4
Detroit	5	Texas	1
New York	6	Toronto	3
California	7	Chicago	5
Oakland	6	Seattle	2



Kansas City Royals' Brad Wellman slides safely under Orioles' Bill Ripken after stealing second base. (Reuters wirephoto)

National League	East Division	West Division
Montreal	2	St



## SPORTS

## WORLD NO. 5 WINS FIFTH GP TITLE

## Agassi outplays Annacone

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont, Aug. 1. (AP) Second-seeded Andre Agassi won his fifth Nabisco Grand Prix singles title of the year yesterday, defeating Paul Annacone 6-2, 6-4 at the Volvo International tennis tournament.

The 18-year-old sensation used a powerful forehand passing shot and backhand lob to capture his first title at the tournament where he first rocketed to attention two years ago.

In winning, Agassi said he could have done a few things better.

"I could have broken him early on in the second set ... but you can't complain. In general, I was playing good tennis," said Agassi, an American, who is ranked fifth in the world.

Annacone, the No. 13 seed, said he had problems with his serve and misjudgement of Agassi's return. Annacone double-faulted four times in the first three games, the last time at break point.

"I was trying to serve too big, and I think that's one of my problems because that's my weapon," said the 25-year-old



Agassi triumphs

American, who is ranked 48th in the world.

"I'm not really pleased with the way I played today, but it was a very productive week for me," said Annacone, who was playing in his first final since 1985.

Annacone was broken in the third game of the first set and again in the fifth when Agassi blasted a forehand passing shot.

Both players held serve until the ninth game of the second set, when Agassi struck once more

with a passing shot on a service return. Down 30-40 in the next and final game, Annacone was long on a service return, and Agassi threw up his racket in elation.

"Not bad for a week's work here," he told the crowd of 12,000 after accepting his check. Later, during the awards ceremony, he presented his coach, Nick Bollettieri, with a birthday cake.

Agassi, a charismatic young man who plays in denim shorts and blows kisses to the crowd, has also won Grand Prix titles this year in Memphis, Charleston, New York, and Stuttgart, West Germany.

He played his first professional tournament at Stratton two years ago. At age 16, he entered as a qualifier and advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to John McEnroe.

Last year he made it to the semifinals before being ousted by Ivan Lendl.

This year Lendl, ranked No. 1 in the world, was upset in the second round by unseeded Roger Smith, making Agassi the favourite to win. But Annacone

didn't count himself out, especially after realising his chip and charge game could take him to the final. He said he abandoned it until a week and a half ago when he recognised its effectiveness.

Agassi pocketed \$114,000, the second biggest payday in his two-year career. The teenager won \$127,000 in winning the Tournament of Champions earlier this year.

Agassi was playing in front of his father, who had been flown to Vermont by tournament officials.

He told the crowd he dedicated the winning trophy to his father but turning to face him, he quickly added: "But the check is still mine."

After struggling early in the week following a long trip from Davis Cup play a week ago in Argentina, Agassi said the final was his best match of the tournament.

In the doubles final, South Africans Pieter Aldrich and Danie Visser defeated number two seeds Jorge Lozano of Mexico and Todd Witsken of the US 6-3 7-6 (7-5).

## UEFA makes light of Euro-soccer violence

BERNE, Aug. 1. (Reuters) The violence and hooliganism which overshadowed the European Soccer Championship finals in West Germany in June was no worse than that expected for an average weekend's Bundesliga action, the European Football Union (UEFA) said in its official report today.

The report, published in UEFA's official bulletin, said: "The fear was that if something were to happen during Euro 88, then the future of the European Championship and of the European Cups would be in danger."

"But nothing happened — at least, almost nothing, and certainly not in the stadium where the games were played."

"In the Euro 88 cities, in the railway stations before and after certain matches, there were some 2,000 arrests made, but considering that the 15 matches were all passionate affairs, this figure was on average no high (sad to say) than on the average FRG Federal League weekend."

**Incidents**  
The report said the English fans, who were at the centre of violent incidents in Stuttgart, Dusseldorf and Frankfurt, "allowed themselves to be provoked" by trouble-stirrers.

This, the report said, in turn led to the English Football Association "making a noble gesture" in withdrawing a request for English clubs to be allowed back into European club competitions.

"Thus everything remains as it was, with the European Championship having neither improved nor worsened the situation. This is sad enough in itself and is the only cloud on the horizon of the best European championship of all time."

## West Indies' match ends in draw

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug. 1. (Reuters) The three-day cricket match between Essex and West Indies ended in a draw on the final day of this evening.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 378 (K. Arthurson 101, G. Greenidge 81, M. Marshall 76)

ESSEX first innings 250 for nine declared (A. Lilley 68, G. Gooch 56, P. Prichard 52, Bishop five for 49)

WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 70 for no wicket)

G. Greenidge 51 East b Gooch 111

D. Haynes c East b Pringle 35

C. Hooper c Childs b Miller 30

K. Arthurson not out 78

R. Harper not out 19

Extras (lb-5 nb-2) 17

Total (for three wickets, declared) 280

Fall of wickets: 1-83 2-145 3-225

Bowling: Pont 7-0-38-0, Topley 14-3-52-0, Childs 17-3-53-0, Border 8-1-39-0, Pringle 7-2-24-1, Miller 10-0-45-1, Gooch 8-1-24-1.

ESSEX second innings

G. Gooch not out 67

D. East b Bishop 16

N. Hussain lbw b Hooper 17

P. Pringle c sub b Hooper 3

D. Topley b Arthurson 0

P. Prichard b Arthurson 2

Extras (lb-1 nb-6) 12

Total (five wickets) 113

Fall of wickets: 1-51 2-91 3-111 4-115-113

Bowling: Bishop 10-1-31-1, Patterson 6-0-34-0, Harper 9-1-41-0, Hooper 8-1-14-2, Arthurson 2-1-1-2

Result: Match drawn

## Rally team leaves for Karachi

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE French Paris-Peking Rally team left Kuwait yesterday on their way to Karachi.

The self-financed team includes seven women and 43 men who shipped their cars through Shuwaikh port. The team is expected to arrive in Karachi on Aug. 5.

**Experience**  
"Driving a car over long distances is not too difficult for a woman," said 24-year-old Armelle Goussier. "The journey is a new experience for all members, especially for women who are particularly offered assistance by various people through

the different countries that they traverse." She added that ideal opportunities presented themselves to all participants to take pictures through different stages of the rally.

Valerie Dayer, another participant said the journey was very easy going from Europe until Turkey. Team groups camped at night separately. However, from Syria to Kuwait, the team camped as a group.

In Kuwait they had hotel accommodation and will do likewise in Karachi and China. Instructions as to the movement of the convoy were given to them every night by the organiser Alan Lafuillade, Dayer added.

Dayer said that during their

stay in Kuwait, the team visited the Entertainment City, Kuwait Towers, and the Old Souk amongst other places.

Another member, Kariene Hervieu, the first among the team to pass through Baghdad to Kuwait and use the new highway, commented that petrol was cheap. But, she felt quite sad she could not avail of this facility to obtain reserve fuel for the onward journey due to shipping restrictions.

She added that she appreciated the friendly welcome of the people at the border village in Jordan and added that till now the team had successfully surmounted the difficulties encountered over two-thirds of the rally.

## England captain doubtful for fifth cricket Test

LONDON, Aug. 1. (Reuters) England captain Chris Cowdrey may miss the fifth cricket Test against the West Indies at the Oval starting on Thursday after being struck on the left foot by a full toss today.

Cowdrey was hit by Somerset pace bowler Adrian Jones during Kent's County Championship match at Canterbury. He was taken to hospital where an X-ray revealed no break.

"The foot is very badly bruised and I must be doubtful for the Test," Cowdrey said.

**Bruising**  
"There is no fracture but our orthopaedic surgeon says that the heavy bruising could take seven to 10 days to get better."

"If it feels better in the morning I think it will be a Wednesday decision. The only decision that could be made tomorrow would be for me to be ruled out."

Cowdrey's injury is a further blow to the beleaguered England side who are 3-0 down in the five-test series.

Allan Lamb is in doubt after tearing a calf muscle in the fourth Test and Derbyshire captain

Kim Barnett has a badly bruised hand.

Strike bowler Graham Dilley has already withdrawn from the team with a knee injury and his place was filled earlier today by Leicestershire all-rounder Phillip DeFreitas.

Dilley, top of the England bowling averages with 15 wickets at 26.8 runs, withdrew yesterday with a knee injury which may require an operation.

DeFreitas has not fulfilled the promise he showed in England's successful Ashes tour of Australia last year.

His pace-bowling and aggressive late-order batting have been valuable in one-day matches but in the sterner Test arena he has lacked penetration with the ball and consistency with the bat.

DeFreitas played in the first and third Tests against the West Indies, taking only three wickets. Ten days ago he was dropped by his county for not giving 100 per cent.

He did, however, score the fastest century of the season on Saturday, slamming 113 against Nottinghamshire.

## Waugh's twin brother to play for Essex

LONDON, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Australian Mark Waugh, twin brother of Test all-rounder Steve, is to replace Allan Border as Essex's overseas cricketer and play for the last three weeks of the season, the county announced today.

Waugh, who has also signed a one-year contract with Essex for the 1989 season, will play at the end of this summer because Border leaves in late August to captain Australia on their tour of Pakistan.

The signing may provide problems if Waugh should be picked for Australia's tour to England next summer, but Essex secretary Peter Edwards said: "If that happens, then Mark will still be our overseas player for 1990, and we will have to see who is available for next summer."

Waugh is a middle-order batsman from New South Wales who has averaged 44.16 in his 22 first-class matches.

Brother Steve is top of the English first-class batting average in a brilliant season with Somerset as stand-in for injured New Zealander Martin Crowe.



Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona (right) with Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi. Maradona publicly apologised to Bianchi in Lodi, Italy on Sunday for criticising him last week. (Reuters wirephoto)

## TENNIS

## Australian tournament's prize money increased

MELBOURNE, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Massive spectator interest and increased sponsorship have led to a 33 per cent boost in prize money for the 1989 Australian Open tennis tournament.

Brian Tobin, president of Tennis Australia, told journalists today that attendance at the 1988 Open, the first played at the Flinders Park Tennis Centre, had risen 75 per cent from the previous record to just under 250,000.

"Players will compete for \$2.4 million in 1989, an increase of 33 per cent, the biggest prize in Australian sport," he added.

Tobin said the impact made by the new complex in Melbourne had led to some hard thinking by the organisers of the other three Grand Slam tournaments.

"Flushing Meadows (the venue for the US Open) is looking at improving facilities. Its contract runs out in 1994 and they're looking at another venue because they cannot match the facilities here," he said.

**Seriously**  
"Wimbledon can't equal what's available here unless they rebuild. They are quite seriously thinking of moving to another venue," Tobin added.

The positive impression made by the centre is expected to attract a better field to the 1989 tournament with Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir and West German Boris Becker, absent this year, likely to attend.

Tobin said the tournament had commitments to play from titleholder Mats Wilander, Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, world number one Ivan Lendl and 1987 Wimbledon champion Pat Cash.

John McEnroe wants to come and make amends on a surface he thinks he can win on," Tobin added without confirming the American would definitely play.

Among the women defending champion Steffi Graf is expected to play as is Martina Navratilova. Pam Shriver and Hana Mandlikova.

## Okamoto fights back for one-shot victory

BETHESDA, MD., Aug. 1. (Reuters) Ayako Okamoto of Japan fired a four-under-par 67 yesterday to come from behind and capture the inaugural \$225,000 Greater Washington Open golf tournament at the Bethesda Country Club.

Okamoto finished the 54-hole tournament with a seven-under-par total of 206, one stroke ahead of American Beth Dan El and Connie Chillemi.

"I never thought about winning the tournament today," said Okamoto, who started the round three shots behind second-round leader Chillemi.

**Tied**  
"I was just trying to play simple golf — hit the fairways and hit the greens. I looked at the leaderboard on the 14th and saw that I was tied for the lead but I didn't change anything. I continued to play simple golf."

Okamoto enjoyed a bogeyless round but when she finished it looked as though there would be a three-way playoff between Okamoto, Beth Dan El and Connie Chillemi.

"I kind of thought that Beth would win this tournament," Okamoto said after notching her

third win of season — but the first in more than three months. "I didn't feel any pressure today and I played very relaxed golf."

Daniel was tied for the lead until a bogey on the 54th.

Daniel chased the leaders all day, first Chillemi and then Okamoto. At the 18th her drive stayed right, forcing a punchshot from under the trees. Her third shot went long and she failed to chip in for par as she fell into a second-place tie with Chillemi.

"I'm happy with the way I played this week," said a teary-eyed Daniel. "I played well and very consistent... but it is always a little disheartening to come this close and not win."

Chillemi dropped out of a tie for the lead when she three-putted from 30 feet at the 17th.

"You bet I'm happy," said Chillemi, whose tie for second place represented a career-best finish. "It was a little frustrating because I had some chances but I just didn't make it happen today. Ayajo played very well and she is to be congratulated."

Okamoto collected \$33,750 for her victory, while Daniel and Chillemi each took away \$18,000.

## Verplank holds off Tewell

GRAND BLANC, Mich., Aug. 1. (Reuters) Scott Verplank fired a brilliant final round of six-under-par 66 yesterday to claim a two-shot victory in the \$700,000 Michigan Open golf tournament.

Verplank, who won the 1985 Western Open as an amateur, had enjoyed little success since turning professional in 1986, but came through yesterday as he held off a strong charge from fellow-American Doug Tewell to win the tournament.

**Probably**  
"You have dreams about shooting that kind of round in the clutch," said Verplank who finished with a 72-hole total of 20-under-par 268. "That was probably as good as I can play given the situation."

Victory brought him a check for \$126,000.

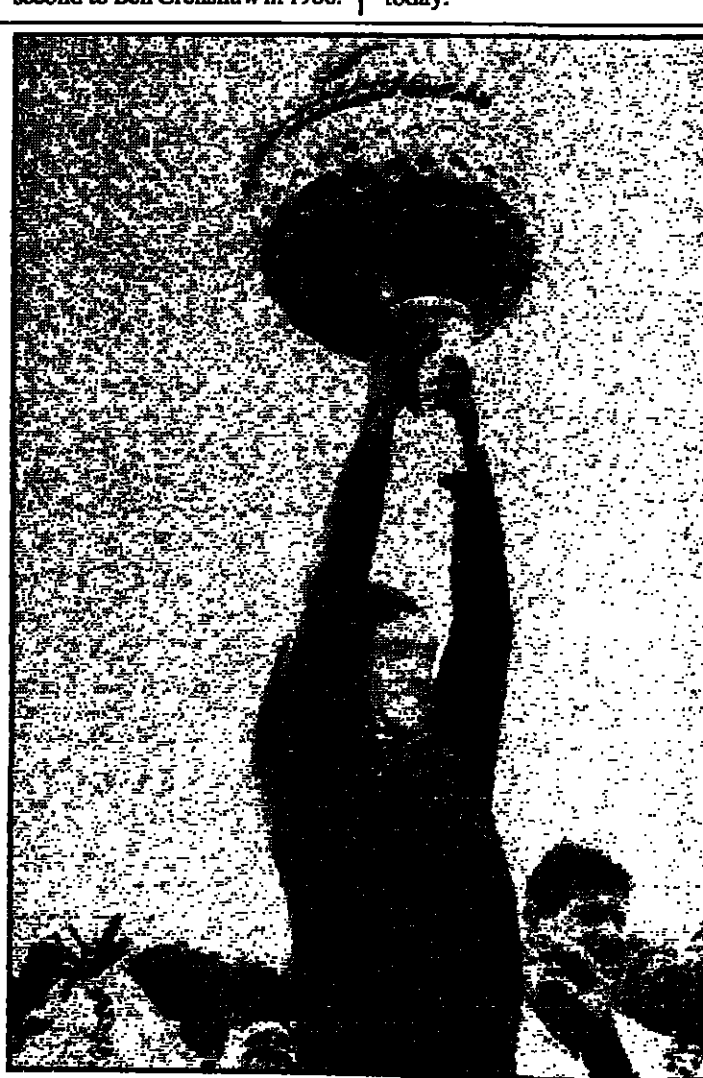
Verplank began the final round tied for the lead with com-

patriot Howard Twitty and Steve Elkington of Australia but quickly moved ahead with a 40-foot birdie putt on the second hole and he was never headed.

Birdies on 13 and 14, followed by par-saving putts on the 15th and 17th holes were good enough to keep him two shots ahead of Tewell who fired a sensational eight-under 64 for an 18-under par 270.

Second place was worth \$75,600 to Tewell, who finished runner-up here for the second time in three years.

"I keep being runner-up when people make their comebacks," said Tewell who also finished second to Ben Crenshaw in 1986.



Severiano Ballesteros of Spain holds up the Scandinavian Enterprise Open Trophy after scoring a five-stroke victory at the Drottningholm Golf club in Stockholm on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Moutawakel quits

RABAT, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Moroccan hurdler Nawal El Moutawakel, the first Arab or African woman to win an Olympic gold medal, has decided to retire and will not go to the Seoul Olympics. Moroccan sports officials said today. Moutawakel, 26, who won the women's 400 metres hurdles at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, will begin a career as a trainer after graduating in physical education in the United States.

## Swimmer defects

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Prospective East German Olympic swimmer Steffen Liess defected to the West in May while he and other national team members were on their way to a Mexico training camp, the sports federation said today.

## Soviet team

MOSCOW, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Three athletes won two gold medals each at the final selection event for the Soviet Union's Olympic gymnastics team yesterday. They were the overall world champion of 1985, Yelena Shushunova, European Cup bronze medalist Natalya Loshchynova and European men's champion Valery Lyukin.

## Nico Claesen

BRUSSELS, Aug. 1. (Reuters) International striker Nico Claesen has returned to Belgium and joined Antwerp from English First Division club Tottenham Hotspur, a spokeswoman for Antwerp said today.

## Corinthians win

SAO PAULO, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Striker Paulo Sergio Rosas scored an extra-time winner as Corinthians beat Guarani 1-0 to clinch Brazil's Sao Paulo state soccer title last night.

## Darren Bradley

LONDON, Aug. 1. (Reuters) West Bromwich Albion defender Darren Bradley could be fined or suspended by the English Football Association (F.A.) for his involvement in South African soccer this summer.

## Barry Richards

ADELAIDE, Australia, Aug. 1. (AP) Barry Richards, the South African cricketer who starred for South Australia in the 1970s, returned to Adelaide today as the team's coach.

## Cup qualifier

PANAMA CITY, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Costa Rica beat Panama 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a World Cup soccer Concacaf first round, second leg qualifier yesterday.

## French players

PARIS, Aug. 1. (Reuters) French rugby union players are likely to decline an invitation to play in South Africa this month as part of a world XV. French Rugby Federation president Albert Ferrasse said today.

## Sri Lanka out

LONDON, Aug. 1. (Reuters) Sri Lanka, replying to the Middlesex first innings total of 324, were all out for 265 on the second day of their three-day match at Lord's today.